

American Troops in Hand to Hand Battle 11 Million Tons of Ships Sunk During War Germans Bombard Entire British Front

OVER 11 MILLION TONS OF SHIPS LOST IN WAR

Secret Figures of British Admiralty
on the Submarine Losses and
World Shipbuilding Made Public

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secret figures of the British admiralty on submarine losses and world shipbuilding were made public here today by the British embassy. They show that from both enemy action and marine risk on Jan. 1, 1918, allied and neutral shipping had lost since the war began 11,527,572

IDEAL WEATHER FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Today was the first day of spring, according to that honest-to-goodness authority—the calendar—and also to that equally trustworthy chronometer of the passing seasons—the weather. The passing of Old Man Winter this year is about the happiest and most gleeful occasion which Lowell people have been privileged to witness. The hourly visitor made a most unbecomingly stay this year and his departure caused not the slightest modicum of sorrow. The first day of spring, 1918, was an ideal one. The thermometer was well above the 50 line all day, and at no time did it descend to very chilling depths. Many pairs of gloves were cast into overcoat pockets with the nonchalant abandon that is a sure sign that the season of robins and trailing arbutus is at hand. And for the first time since the historic day of last September and October, heavy overcasts seemed oppressive.

DEMANDS RUMANIA GIVE UP ALL MUNITIONS

MOSCOW, March 19. (By The Associated Press).—Germany has increased her demands and now asks that Rumania surrender to the central powers all of her own munitions as well as those left in Rumania by allied troops. All the entente ministers remain in Jassy but will leave there if Rumania surrenders the munitions.

RED CROSS MISSION FROM JASSEY AT MOSCOW

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The American Red Cross mission to Rumania which fled from Jassy to Odessa to escape the advancing German armies, has arrived safely at Moscow, according to advices received here today at Red Cross headquarters. The party, headed by Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., consists of 25 members, mostly physicians and nurses.

FRANCE AND GERMANY AGREE ON EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS

PARIS, March 19.—A definite agreement has been reached between the French and German governments taking immediate effect, regarding the exchange of prisoners past the age of 18. All private and non-commissioned officers affected will be repatriated and officers will be interned in Switzerland.

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CORNER
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In these days of high prices we consider it our duty to protect our patrons by exacting the most extraordinary efforts to maintain our customary level of prices.

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We believe that our usefulness to the community is measured not only by the volume of business we do, but also by the helpful character of our service and by maintaining the fairest prices at all times, in peace or war.

CUMMINGS BROTHERS ENLIST IN NAVY

Among the Lowell boys accepted at the local navy station this morning as seamen for the naval reserve were D. Murray Cummings and Edward S. Cummings, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Cummings, of Fort Hill avenue. Mr. Cummings is the well known local correspondent of the Boston Globe. Murray, the older of the two brothers, is a graduate of the local high school with the class of 1911 and also a graduate of Holy Cross, 1915. He later obtained his degree in chemistry at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Upon returning to Lowell he worked at chemistry for some time and later was employed by the Courier-Citizen company. He then worked in the assessors' office at city hall and recently left there to accept a position in the office of the collector of internal revenue in Boston. Edward was graduated from the high school in 1915 and the Textile school several years later. He has been employed as an efficiency man at the Massachusetts mills.

Both young men will leave for Boston tomorrow morning and are scheduled to sail for Norfolk, Va. at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The local navy station is tied for second place in the New England district for the enlistment of men in the regular service and is also in second place for naval reserve enlistments.

A limited number of men are wanted for hospital apprentices from Lowell and persons interested may obtain full details from Chief Yeoman Tucker.

Chief Tucker addressed two gatherings last evening in regard to advantages of naval service.

He spoke before a group of machinists early in the evening and later addressed a gathering of young men at the Y.M.C.A.

For some time past men who are in the direct but who possess special qualifications to fit them for trained branches of service have been allowed to volunteer. According to instructions received by Sergt. Cox or the local regular army station this morning this will not be allowed after April 1.

Recd. Sergt. Maj. George D. Crowell, who has been with the old 6th regiment at Camp Greene, but now at Camp Wardsworth, Spartansburg, S. C., with a pioneer regiment, was a visitor at the local regular army office this morning and he and Sergt. Cox had an interesting talk about their respective branches of the service.

Sergt. Crowell says that all the Lowell boys in the south are in excellent health and like Spartansburg much better than Camp Greene. He says that the trees were just beginning to blossom when he left and the weather is ideal. He will return within a week.

Corp. Harold M. Chelken of Methuen, who enlisted about three months ago as clerk in the aviation corps, has recently been assigned to regular clerical work in the transportation office at Dallas, Texas. He is stationed at Camp Dick, 676th aero squadron.

Blooney Gerard of 26 Groton street, is the latest recruit from Lowell for the Canadian expeditionary force.

Ernest Brown, manager of J. B. Polonsky's bakery, has enlisted in the quartermaster's corps of the regular army and will leave for Fort Slocum next Monday.

URGED TO BUY FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

BOSTON, March 21.—Advice to buy fruit and vegetables now coming into the markets in large quantities and at low prices, instead of varieties of which the supply is shortening up, was United States bureau of markets. Spinach, asparagus, and strawberries were reported to be plentiful.

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STRIKE HARD AND SHOOT STRAIGHT

Sec. Baker Addresses First
Division—U. S. Force to
Arrive In France

Pays Tribute to New England
Troops—Sees Spirit of
"Fight to the End"

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 20. (By The Associated Press.) The first division of the American expeditionary force to arrive in France was addressed by Secretary of War Baker today.

The secretary said: "If I had any advice to give it is to strike hard and shoot straight, and I would warn you at the same time against any carelessness, any surrender to curiosity which makes you a mark needlessly."

"On every hand I am told that you are prepared 'to fight to the end' and I see this spirit in your faces. Depend upon us at home to stand by you in a spirit worthy of you."

Praises N. E. Soldiers
"Another early arrival among the divisions was that from New England. From the day of my arrival in France I have been hearing the praise of the New England division which has made good in its initial experience in the trenches in a manner to guarantee it will be equal to future emergencies."

In the course of his address today to the first troops of the American expeditionary force to arrive in France, Secretary of War Baker said, with reference to New England troops now in France:

"Some of the men in this division are probably descended from the Minute Men of the Revolution or Allen's mountaineers, while others are sons of soldiers who went to the Civil war from New England. Their fathers who came to the United States since the Civil war have had opportunity to prove that their Americanism is of the same quality as that of the descendants of the Minute Men."

PLEDGES AMERICAN HELP TO RUSSIA

MOSCOW, March 19. (By The Associated Press).—Russia will eventually become a German province and Russians will lose their liberty if they submit to the peace forced by the central powers, David R. Francis, the American ambassador, declared in a statement to the Russian people issued from the American embassy at Moscow.

He pledged American help to any government in Russia that would resist the German penetration. His statement in part follows:

"The friendship between Russia and the United States should be augmented rather than impaired by Russia becoming a republic and Americans are sincerely desirous that Russians be permitted to continue free and independent and not become subjects of Germany."

"I have not seen an authentic copy of the peace treaty, but I am sufficiently acquainted with its provisions to know that if the Russian people should submit to it, Russia not only would be robbed of vast areas of its territory, but her people eventually would become subjects of Germany and would lose their liberties for which their ancestors struggled for generations."

"My government still considers America an ally of the Russian people who surely will not reflect the proffered assistance we would be prompt to render to any government in Russia that will offer a sincere and organized resistance to the German invasion."

6300 RUBBER PLANT EMPLOYEES GET RAISE

WOONSOCKET, R. I., March 21.—The United States Rubber Co. today announced increased wages on day and piece work, effective Monday, March 25. In its rubber boot and shoe mills at Woonsocket employing 1500, Millville, Mass., employing 800, and Bristol, R. I., employing 4000. Schedules indicating the scope of the increases will be posted not later than next Wednesday.

M.I.T. GRADUATION

CAMBRIDGE, March 21.—Plans for the graduation of the present junior class at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in January, 1919, were announced by the faculty today. The graduation five months before the usual time is to give the students a chance to enter government or military service in which their technical training will be of value.

FOUR KILLED ON U.S. DESTROYER

Many Injured In Collision
of United States and
British Warships

Depth Charge On U. S.
Destroyer Exploded When
Vessels Met

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—One American officer and three men were killed aboard an American destroyer March 19 when the vessel collided with a British warship, the navy department announced today. A number of American sailors were injured. The destroyer was the Manley. A depth charge on the British vessel exploded when the vessels met. Both vessels were damaged.

Lieut. Commander Richard McCall Elliott Jr., was killed. His wife lives at 931 Park avenue, New York.

The enlisted men killed were: Cecil Hall, Charleston, W. Va. Boatwain's Mate Lewis Cohen, New York city.

Water Tender Charles Magoni, 56 Merrick street, West Springfield, Mass. The following were slightly injured: Ralph H. Christie, yeoman, 25 North street, Calais, Me.

John D. Mercer, fireman, Varnado, La.

Edward Henry Peters, seaman, 48 Lawrence street, New Haven, Conn.

Joseph P. Gumma, fireman, South Minneapolis, Minn.

The following enlisted men were seriously injured:

Edward Chester Landwehr, electrician, Elizabeth, N. J.

Charles Pierce, engineer, Lake Crystal, Minn.

Fred Richard Lawson, engineer, Orange, N. J.

Clarence F. Dechenne, fireman, Joplin, Mo.

Carl Cecil Russell, seaman, Stockton, Calif.

Richard S. Gailmann, seaman, Troth, S. C.

Albert Wallace Cecil, fireman, St. Louis, Mo.

WOOD AND BELL BACK IN U.S.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 21.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and Maj. J. Franklin Bell, commanders respectively of the 89th and 71th divisions of the national army arrived here today from France on a French steamship.

Gen. Wood went abroad last December to study war problems at first hand. Late in January while he, with 20 or 30 other French and American officers, was watching the firing from a trench mortar in a training camp, a shell exploded, killing some of the men with him and wounding others. A fragment of shrapnel struck him in one arm which was ripped open from elbow to armpit. It was only a few weeks ago that he left a hospital after convalescing from this wound.

Gen. Bell also arrived in France in December and has been visiting the battlefield and training camps.

On the same ship was Count Charles de Choudry, who has come to America to serve as counselor of the French embassy, a position which he held about 12 years ago. He is a direct descendant of Lafayette and a brother of Marquis de Chambrun, who was a member of the French mission which Marshal Joffre headed in this country.

FUNERAL OF FREDERICK AYER WAS HELD TODAY—BURIAL IN LOWELL CEMETERY

The funeral of Frederick Ayer, millionaire, pioneer in the proprietary medicine field, one of the organizers of the American Woolen Co., and for many years a leading figure in big industrial achievements, who died at his winter home in Thomaston, Ga. last Thursday, took place this noon from his Boston home, 325 Commonwealth avenue. Mrs. Ayer, who is not in good health, was not present at the service for she was obliged to remain in the south.

The service was conducted at 12 o'clock and was attended by relatives and friends as well as by representatives of the J. C. Ayer Co., the American Woolen Co. and other important business concerns with which deceased was connected. At the close of the service the body was placed in an automobile hearse and the automobile cortege came to Lowell. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery, where committal services were held.

The local plant of the J. C. Ayer Co. being represented at the grave by Dr. C. H. Stowell, treasurer of the company.

STREET PAVING AND WATERING

At the next meeting of the municipal council, Commissioner Morse will present two orders, one calling for the approval of a list of streets to be sprinkled during the summer months, and the other for the approval of a list of streets to be paved during the good weather. In the latter list will be included the paving of Lawrence street, from Rogers to Watson street, at an approximate cost of \$10,000.

TEN PER CENT INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE IPSWICH MILLS

A ten per cent increase, which will go into effect April 1, has been granted the employees of the local plant of the Ipswich Mills in Warren street. This is the sixth 10 per cent increase by the Ipswich mills in the past 23 months and all have been voluntary.

Four German Warships Sunk by Allies in Naval Battle

Germans Begin Heavy Bombardment
on British Front — Cannonading
Heard at Dover, Eng. — Americans
Again Raid German Lines

YANKS IN HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE AT LUNEVILLE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 20. (By The Associated Press).—American troops in the sector east of Luneville participated tonight in a raid on German trenches, penetrating the enemy lines for some distance. Hand to hand fighting ensued. The raiders returned to the American lines after about forty minutes. Further details are unavailable at this hour, (10 a. m.).

The raid was carried out in conjunction with French troops, after a brief but intense barrage. The Germans retaliated with a heavy fire of gas and high explosive shells on the American batteries.

WILSON SIGNS RAILROAD BILL

WASHINGTON, March 21.—President Wilson today signed the bill bringing railroads under government operation and control until 21 months after the end of the war.

DECISIVE MOMENT OF WAR, SAYS KAISER

LONDON, March 21.—"We are at the decisive moment of the war, and one of the greatest moments in German history," said Emperor William in a telegram to the Rhenish provincial council, according to a Central News despatch from Amsterdam.

GRADUAL CLEARING UP OF FREIGHT CONGESTION

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Gradual clearing up of freight congestion on eastern railroads from the critical condition during the blizzards of last December and January was shown today by a railroad administration report that lines east of the Mississippi now had about 70,000 cars more than normal on their lines, as compared with nearly 200,000 above normal early last January. Most congestion is in east bound loads.

Local embargoes have been raised as fast as conditions justify, and comparatively few cars are in office. Railroad administration officials are working toward absolute elimination of freight congestion this summer, but many believe that there always will be an overload of cars on eastern roads while war industry continues.

BRITISH TANK Permit for Use of "Britania" In Boston Campaign

BOSTON, March 21.—Three sections of the city in which the British tank "Britania" would not be allowed to operate because of danger to subways beneath the streets, were defined today by the street commissioner in granting a permit for the use of the tank by the British and Canadian recruiting mission, April 2. It was decided that other streets over subways were sufficiently supported to hold the heavy machine without danger.

LOWELL SOLDIERS AT CAMP DEVENS IN NEED OF BASEBALL EQUIPMENT

The Lowell boys at Camp Devens want baseballs, bats, mitts and other equipment necessary for the national game, and they have informed Commissioner Morse of their wants. Mr. Morse stated this morning that when the last contingent left Lowell for the camp, he told them if they needed anything not to be shy upon calling on him. "I promised them to do all I could for them if they were in need," said the commissioner, "and I will keep my word. The boys want baseball equipment and they will get it."

Dancing

Pawtucket Boat House
MINER-DOYLE ORCHESTRA
LADIES, 15c. GENTS, 25c.

BRITISH AND FRENCH WIN NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

LONDON, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers, the admiralty announced. One British destroyer was damaged.

The engagement occurred off Dunkirk this morning. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties.

The announcement follows: "Vice Admiral Dour reports that an action occurred off Dunkirk between 1 and 3 o'clock this morning. Two British and three French destroyers were engaged with a force of German destroyers which had previously bombarded Dunkirk for ten minutes. Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats are believed to have been sunk. Survivors have been picked up from two enemy torpedo boats."

"No allied vessels were sunk. One British destroyer was damaged but reached harbor. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties."

SCREW THREAD BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The house committee on coinage, weights and measures today ordered a favorable report on the Tilsen bill to standardize screw threads and screw tolerance which is a bill of great importance to all manufacturers, especially to such plants as deal with munitions and other metal work. The Tilsen bill authorizes a commission of five members to be made up of the director of the bureau of standards, a member each of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Automotive Engineers, an officer of the navy and an officer of the army. The bill is aimed to overcome much of the difficulty now encountered in assembling parts of munitions and other metal work. The favorable report was unanimous and Mr. Tilsen believes the bill will pass congress.

PARIS REPORTS BIG ATTACK

PARIS, March 21.—There has been an intense and sustained bombardment of the sectors north and southeast of Rheims as well as on the Champagne front, the war office announced today.

DANCING Friday Evening At the Boat House MINER & DOYLE'S ORCH. Admission.....25 Cents

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is near at hand. "As we sow, so shall we reap." Plant a few dollars each week and the harvest will be abundant.

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GERMAN BOMBARDMENT HEAVIEST OF WAR

LONDON, March 21.—The Germans shortly before dawn this morning began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front. It is announced officially.

The statement follows:

"A heavy bombardment was opened by the enemy before dawn this morning against our whole front from the neighborhood of Venduil, south of St. Quentin, to the River Scarpe."

"A successful raid was carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of St. Quentin. Thirteen prisoners and three machine guns were brought back by our troops. Prisoners also were taken by us in patrol encounters south-east of Hesdigne and in another successful raid carried out by us south of Houtholst forest."

"A raid undertaken by the enemy in the neighborhood of Armentieres was repulsed."

Firing Heard at Dover

LONDON, March 21.—The artillery action on the western front could be distinctly heard at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England. The doors and windows of houses at Dover were continuously shaken by the concussion.

The firing, which was the heaviest that had been heard in this district from such a distance, began at three o'clock this morning and lasted at brief intervals until 7 a. m.

At Hamsgate, besides the sound of the cannonading, bright flashes were seen at sea, while the vibration of the explosions shook the windows and dislodged tiles from the roofs.

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LOWELL TO GET \$10,500 WORTH OF SUGAR

Saunders' market has made a big hit in securing a large shipment of sugar. The investment represents \$10,521.39 and a total of about 165 barrels of sugar. The purchase was made at New Orleans and shows the enterprise of Saunders' market in meeting the needs of the people of Lowell.

But the Massachusetts sugar distribution committee of Boston has stepped in and arranged that the Saunders' market will turn over one-half of this amount at cost to the other dealers of the city so that for a time at least the shortage of sugar in Lowell will be broken.

The first consignment of 50,200 pounds was shipped from New Orleans on Feb. 27 and the second of 50,000 pounds on March 12. The other half will be sold in small lots at the market on Goshen street. In this enterprise the management of Saunders' market has rendered a real service to the Lowell public.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS COMMEND FIREMEN

The general manager of the Boston & Maine railroad and the general agent in Lowell have sent letters of appreciation to Mayor Perry D. Thompson for the efficient work of the local fire department in saving the railroad bridge from destruction at the recent Cady box shop fire in Western avenue, and also for the great help rendered the railroad in quickly resuming traffic after the fire. Copies of the letters, which follow, were sent by the mayor to Chief Saunders of the fire department.

Boston & Maine Railroad, Boston, Mass., March 19, 1918.

Hon. Perry D. Thompson, Mayor, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir: Our Mr. H. H. Hilton of your city has informed us of the splendid work of your firemen yesterday in looking after our bridge in connection with the fire at the Cady buildings, and we desire at this time to thank you and through you, Chief Saunders and the members of the fire department for their services.

At this particular time it would have been a serious matter if this bridge had been destroyed.

The courtesy of Chief Saunders in instructing his men to remove the horse from the track so that trains might proceed is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

B. R. WALLACE, General Manager.

Agent Brown's Letter

Boston & Maine Railroad, Lowell, Mass., March 20, 1918.

Hon. Perry D. Thompson, Lowell, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Thompson: This will acknowledge my appreciation of your efforts in assisting me in obtaining the use of our south bound main track Monday, the 18th at the time of the serious fire at the Cady box shop.

I wish you would express to Chief Saunders of the fire department my gratitude for his efforts in this direction.

I assure you the co-operation of the city of Lowell through its representatives is highly esteemed and at any time should I be able to reciprocate it will be a pleasure to do so.

Cordially yours,

F. W. BROWN, General Agent.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES

The majority of the local Catholic churches will have their masses on Easter Sunday at the same time that they are holding them now. In other words, the churches will not recognize the existence of the daylight saving law which goes into effect on March 31, Easter Sunday, and which provides for the pushing ahead of all clocks one hour. After a conference of a number of pastors of the local churches it was decided that there would be a great deal of confusion caused by adopting the new schedule at once.

On the Sunday following, however, the new schedule will be adopted and the masses that are now celebrated at 6 o'clock will be said at 5, while the 11 o'clock mass will be in reality said at 10 o'clock. But this does not go into effect until the first Sunday after Easter.

INFANT MORTALITY

Infant mortality in Lowell for the week ending March 16 was higher than any other city in the list of 46 published by the federal bureau of census. The city's average for the past week is 33.2, while the next in line is New Haven with an average of 27.

Denver with an average of 14.6 is the lowest on the list while other prominent cities and their averages are as follows: Syracuse, 22; Milwaukee, 22; Chicago, 20.1; Providence, 20; Rochester, 20; Boston, 17; Fall River, 18.2; New York, 13.3; Philadelphia, 12.5; San Francisco 8.2. The average of the 46 cities is 14.2.

SEEKING HER RELATIVES

Information concerning the relatives of Hugh and Bridget Maguire, deceased, is being sought by Katherine Maguire of 1 Grafton street place, Worcester, who has written a letter to City Clerk Stephen Flynn of this city. "My parents Hugh and Bridget Maguire, are both dead," writes Katherine, "and I would like to find their relatives. I am now of age and feel I should know all my relatives. There four children in the family, the eldest of whom was 7 years of age when my mother died."

NORTH CHELMSFORD WOOL SORTERS VOTE NOT TO RETURN TO WORK

The wool sorters of the George C. Moore mill in North Chelmsford, who left their work yesterday afternoon after the management had refused to discharge two non-union employees, held a special meeting last evening and the grievance between the mill officials and the wool sorters was discussed at length. It was finally voted not to return to work until the demand had been granted and John J. Whitaker, of this city, national president of the union, was instructed to take the matter up with the mill officials.

IN THE WRONG HOUSE

A resident of North Chelmsford was found asleep on the kitchen floor of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Whitehead in the village Tuesday morning, but after the man had given a satisfactory explanation to the effect that he thought he was in his own home, the incident was closed.

The man entered the house through a window in the rear of the building after breaking a couple of panes of glass, and evidently after entering the house, dropped to the floor and went to sleep, for he was found lying near the stove Tuesday morning.

The man promised to pay for the damage he caused and he was allowed to go home.

NEW RIBBONS FOR SPRING

Ribbon as trimmings are again popular, not only on Spring Millinery, Knitting Bags and Art Goods but also in the realms of the frocks to serve as a sash, a streamer or cluster effect.

Our Ribbon Department carries the very latest designs and all kinds of ribbons in gorgeous colorings of Oriental and Egyptian origin. Plain satins are well represented in our showing.

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We carry all the best imported and domestic makes in all shades and tones of the season.

SUEDE GLOVES, 1-clasp, in gray, sand, mode and butter shade, with fancy black embroidery\$2.75

FRENCH KID GLOVES—2-clasp overseas, in tan, gray, with white embroidered backs, \$3.00

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SELL THRIFT STAMPS

Lowell high school students have disposed of \$150 worth of thrift stamps to date within the school itself and something like 2000 stamps have been sold outside of the school by students.

Trials for the debate which is to take place at Cambridge on April 12 were held at the high school yesterday afternoon and the following young men were chosen to represent the school: Paul Choquette, '17; LeRoy Farrell, '19; Harris Barber, '19, and Harold Heady, '18, alternate.

A meeting of the young men who are to try out for the baseball team was held at the school this afternoon and Principal Bixby was one of the speakers.

The following football schedule for the 1918 season has been arranged by the local authorities:

Sept. 25. Arlington at Arlington.
Oct. 5. Cambridge at Lowell.
Oct. 12. Lawrence Academy at Lowell.
Oct. 19. Pending.
Oct. 26. Woburn at Lowell.
Nov. 2. Manchester at Manchester.
Nov. 9. Fitchburg at Lowell.
Nov. 16. Haverhill at Haverhill.
Nov. 23. Concord, N. H. at Concord.
Nov. 23. Lawrence at Lowell.

High School Review

The March number of the Review made its appearance today and was filled with its usual good things. The issue starts off with a punch with a stirring poem entitled, "Wake Up America!" by Carroll Fuller. Interesting stories, effective editorials and an interesting letter from Priv. Herbert J. Vancouver, who is in France with Battery F make up a worth while issue.

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DEATHS

COLDWELL—Lewis E. Coldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Coldwell, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 1089 Gorham street, aged 2 years. Besides his parents he leaves four sisters, Clara, Mabel, Ada and Ella, and one brother, William.

CORDEIRA—Maria C. Cordeira, aged 1 year and 1 month, died this morning at the home of her parents, Manuel and Palmela Cordeira, 137 Gorham street.

DEAN—The funeral of William Dean took place this morning from his home, 759 Broadway, at 8.20 o'clock, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. At St. Patrick's church a funeral mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. John Callahan. There were many beautiful floral offerings laid upon the grave. The bearers were Messrs. Albert McDowell, Peter Kane, Francis Mann, Walter Smith, Roderick Kavanaugh and Thomas Ford. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Callahan read the committal prayers at the grave. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack had charge.

LANNON—Mary A., wife of Thomas Lannon, died last night at her home, 79 Union street, aged 41 years. She leaves her husband and several children.

POPE—Mrs. Sabina M. Rynne Pope, a well known and highly respected young resident of this city, died this morning at her home, 21 Carter avenue, after a short illness. She leaves her husband, Bernard L.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Rynne; four sisters, the Misses May, Florence, Margaret and Alice; four brothers, John, William, David and Elmer. The remains were removed to the home of her parents, 88 Linden street.



A Statement About DRESSES

You have heard much talk about prices of dresses going up. As a matter of fact we are offering Tuffeta Dresses, in all the new Spring styles and shades, at

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Others at \$29.75, \$32.50, \$35.00 to \$85.00

COAT NEWS

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COATS

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Poplin and Serge Coats.....

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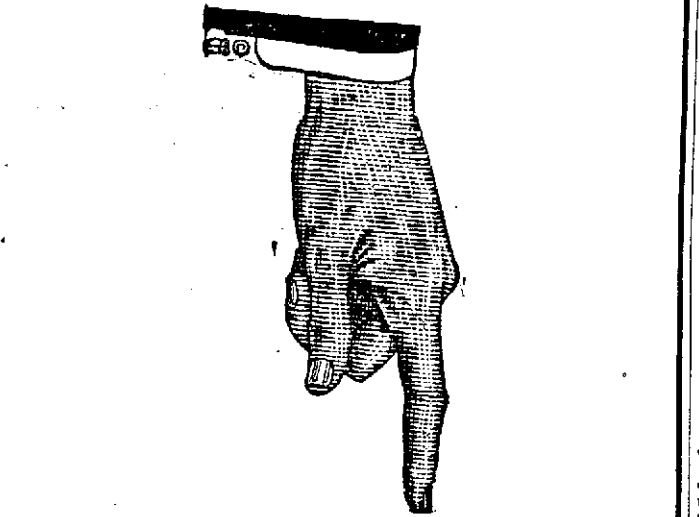
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25c Mackerel, lb. 23c
15c Mounders, lb. 12c
25c Steak Cod, lb. 22c
38c Smelts, lb. 32c
25c Minnan Haddock, lb. 19c
18c Salt Salmon, lb. 15c
25c Boneless Cod, pkg. 25c
38c Sirloin Roasts, lb. 30c
50c Sirloin Steak, lb. 39c
27c Smoked Shoulders, lb. 25c
35c Legs of Gen. Lamb, lb. 33c
40c Lamb Chops, lb. 35c
27c Rib Roast, lb. 23c
20c N. E. Brisket C. Beef, lb. 16c
35c Heavy Salt Pork, lb. 32c
35c Veal Chops, lb. 25c
22c Italian Spaghetti, lb. 18c

French Endive, for salads, lb. 40c
Fresh Mushrooms, lb. 65c

4c FIRM ONIONS, 4 lbs. 10c
18c NEW YORK LETTUCE, head. 10c
15c CELERY 12 1/2c

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Large Asparagus 45c
Small Asparagus 25c
Fresh Green Beans, qt. 15c
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Fresh Spinach, lb. 15c
Cauliflower, lb. 12 1/2c
Yellow Turnips 5 lbs. 10c
Strawberries 49c
Mint 10c Romaine 8c
Lettuce 10c
Radish 6c
Mueller's Macaroni 10c
Campbell's Soups 10c
39c F. Amer. Soup 33c
12c Yeast Club Salad 10c
12c Libby's Baked Beans 10c
13c Seeded Raisins 11c
8c Graham Crackers, pkg. 6c
30c Manhattan Sauce 25c
"LEDA" Coffee 30c
Elgin Butter, lb. 50c
Garden Bloom Tea, lb. 59c

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FUNERALS

BROWN—The funeral services of William Frederick Brown were held Tuesday afternoon at his home, Wamsit, and were largely attended by relatives and friends. Rev. Benjamin R. Harris, former pastor of the Range Street Baptist church but now of Manchester, N. H., officiated. The body was taken to Rochester, N. H., yesterday. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

HOWARD—The funeral of Adoniram Howard took place from the rooms of Undertakers Young & Blake, yesterday. Rev. L. L. Greene, pastor of the Unitarian church of Chelmsford, officiated. The body was sent to Brockton, where services were held this afternoon. Burial was in Melrose cemetery, Brockton.

MCINTIRE—The funeral services of George B. McIntire took place at his home, 605 Wilder street, yesterday afternoon. Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor of Gorham Street P. M. church, officiating. Miss Marion McKnight sang appropriate selections. Post 42, G.A.R., was represented by a delegation who read the G.A.R. burial service. The bearers were Messrs. John F. Parker, Fred L. Fletcher, Louis F. Monroe and A. H. Slater of Admiral Farragut camp, 70, Sons of Veterans. Burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Matthews. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

MEANEY—The funeral of the late Martin Meaney took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from the parlors of Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons and proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass

of requiem was sung by Rev. Frank Meaney of Concord, N. H., a nephew of the deceased. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Frank Meaney. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons had charge of the arrangements.

SYMPHER—The funeral of Lodwick R. Symphe was held from the rooms of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck, 42 Middlesex street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Walter E. Woodbury, pastor of the Worthen Street Baptist church. The bearers were Messrs. Daniel Ashton, William Brentigan, Robert Morrow and Homer Brunelle. Burial was in the family lot in the Westlawn cemetery.

SUN BREVITIES

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Today's fuel shipment consisted of 50 cars of soft coal and five cars of coke.

Born March 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hamer, a daughter, Virginia Marquette.

Thomas Talbot Clark of North Billerica has been appointed chairman of the Liberty bond campaign committee for his town. The coming drive, it is understood, will open within a few weeks.

More than 50 Lowell people signed up for the U. S. Public Service reserve at the war work headquarters yesterday. This brings the total well above the 600 mark.

Five boxes of clothing for destitute Belgians have been received at the war work headquarters. They will be transferred to the Red Cross rooms in Market street.

The English AA class of the state board of education university course held its regular semi-monthly meeting last evening in Room 1 of the high school with Dr. Percy W. Long of Harvard, lecturing. There was a normal attendance of class members.

William May, who has spent 20 years as clerk at the Arlington hotel, has resigned his position and intends to enjoy a much needed rest. "Billy" is well known throughout the city and also to traveling men who have stopped at the Central street hotel for the past two decades.

Shortly before 8.30 o'clock this morning Isaac Morin of Moody street, Pawtucketville, employed as a yard hand at the Massachusetts mills, fell from a wagon and received bad bruises on the left leg and left wrist. He was removed to the Lowell hospital.

Patrolman and Mrs. Jos. L. Lamoureux of 5 Dane street received a cablegram last evening to the effect that their daughter, Miss Leonine Lamoureux, had landed "Over there" safely. Miss Lamoureux was the first Lowell girl of the telephone corps to leave for France.

A successful silver tea party was conducted yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. H. Clapp, 24 Marlborough street, under the auspices of the ladies of the First Universalist church. Light refreshments were served and a silver collection was taken up. Mrs. H. M. Rooney entertained with piano and vocal selections.

J. C. Taft of the local fuel committee office has plotted out an inter-

esting temperature chart showing the temperatures month by month from November of last year up to the present time. It also shows the average temperatures month by month from 1871 to 1917. The warmest winter was that of 1912-13, with an average temperature of 40. The coldest was in 1875, when 32 was the average figure. It is expected that the present winter will break all records when all the figures are complete.

CARD OF THANKS
We, the undersigned, wish to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to all our relatives and friends who so kindly assisted us in the hour of bereavement at the death of our son and brother, James Kenneth Heslin. We also feel deeply grateful to those who sent floral offerings.
MR. and MRS. JAMES HESLIN and Family.

**BARTENDERS WANT \$25 A WEEK—
SALOON KEEPER'S THINK \$23
IS ENOUGH**

A mass meeting of the bartenders of the city will be held at 32 Middle st. at midnight tonight for the purpose of discussing the refusal of the demand of a weekly wage of \$25 by the saloon keepers, and to determine what action will be taken next. This meeting has been called as a result of the saloon proprietors refusing to grant more than \$23 a week.

The agreement up to the first of March was a minimum wage of \$18 a week, the clerks asked for \$25 and the members of the Lowell Liquor Dealers' association finally agreed to pay a minimum of \$21, but as a result of conferences and meetings the difference between \$21 and \$25 was split and the dealers offered \$23.

At the present time the dealers are willing to give \$23 and will not raise the ante, for they state that at the present time there are a number of bartenders who are getting more than that amount. The matter was thrashed out at a conference last Monday when the dealers sent out their ultimatum, but the compromise from the bartenders.

**VINOL MADE
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Nothing Like It for Rundown and Nervous People

Van Ormy, Texas—"I suffered from a general run-down condition—anaemia, loss of appetite and cough, so I was unfit for my work. I tried different medicines without help, and through my druggist learned of Vinol. I took it; my appetite increased, my cough disappeared, I gained in weight and am now well and strong. So I can conscientiously endorse Vinol."—Viola Salada, R. N., Van Ormy, Tex.

We guarantee Vinol to build up run-down, anaemic folks or return your money. We take all the risk. Largest Riker-Jaynes Drug Store, Lowell Pharmacy, Routhier & Desile, Props.; Falls & Burkinshaw, F. J. Campbell, Lowell, and at the best drug stores in every town and city in the country.

was told that it was not acceptable to the bartenders, to advise the men not to "walk out" but that the committee return with a report.

Some of the bartenders are in favor of a minimum wage of \$25 or nothing, but the more conservative are willing to arbitrate. Several liquor dealers have made the statement that if it is voted to grant the demand of a minimum of \$25 a week that it will be necessary to drop one bartender.

**STRIKE HARD
Continued**

Pilgrim Fathers, even better Americanism, we hope, as an augury for the future. Whether the soldier is from the factory town or the farm or the Maine woods, the accounts I hear are equally as good."

Secretary Baker today concluded his visit of inspection to the American military zones in France with a trip which took him from the Verdun sector to great headquarters and included a review of one brigade of the first division, which he addressed as representative of the whole army. He also visited the birthplace of Jeanne d'Arc and made an incidental inspection of the troops here and there over the route which he traversed. Tonight he departed to fulfill other aspects of his visit to France.

The brigade of the first division was reviewed from a stage on a high plateau commanding a wide panorama of one of the most scenically beautiful parts of France. It is reached by a steep winding road from the valley below. A twenty hours' rain had made it inaccessible by motor, so the secretary and his party made the ascent on foot, slipping and sliding on the grassy mud.

Baker and Pershing Confer

Just as they arrived at the stand Gen. Pershing and his personal staff came across the field and dismounted. The entire party then joined the waiting division and brigade generals and their staffs.

A cold March wind and occasional squalls of rain made the scene more impressive as the brigade in full marching equipment swept by accompanied by a band playing music which swelled and softened in the gusty wind. Secretary Baker lifted his hat in salute and occasionally spoke to Gen. Pershing who stood beside him.

First Americans in Trenches

This brigade from the first division to pull foot in France was composed of men seasoned in training under summer and winter skies and inured to mud and cold under all conditions of campaigning. They were the first in the trenches and the first to suffer casualties. Under the weight of full field equipment from trench tools to

extra tools, steel helmeted, tanned and fit, they stepped swingingly through the sticky mud that was almost too much for the mules who drew the one-pounders and the wheeled kitchens.

Baker Compliments Officers
It was the first time that an entire brigade which had been in action had been reviewed, and the secretary complimented the general commanding and the colonels of the various units.

When the review was concluded the brigade and commissioned officers assembled in a semi-circle and were presented in a body to the war secretary by Gen. Pershing in a brief address in which he complimented their record of fitness and efficiency.

Secretary Baker, with bare head in the cold wind, told the officers they were typical American soldiers and said they were "the point of the wedge of the army which the whole American people are driving into the ranks of their adversary." The officers then formed in line and each shook hands with the secretary as his name was announced. He acknowledged each greeting and when some acquaintance approached he added a personal word or two.

Gen. Pershing showed gratification at the splendid condition and appearance of the brigade and remarked: "These men have been there and know what it is. You can tell that by the way they throw out their chests as they swing by."

Baker Takes Army Food

During the day the secretary covered several hundred kilometers in his automobile. Early in the morning he drove to the Verdun region to a spot from which Fort Donnamont was visible. He saw the activities behind the French lines and a long artillery wagon on train and marching troops.

Once the party met an American traveling kitchen. The secretary left his automobile and had a taste of the food. His comment was: "Very good."

During the day he visited the French divisional commander, who complimented the American troops, saying he had called the attention of his men to the expeditious and snappy way the Americans unloaded and assembled their artillery.

On Home of Joan of Arc

At Tuesday, finding himself in the vicinity of a certain unit, the secretary, sent for a fellow Ohioan, Charles Babcock of Cleveland, a private in the Marine corps and the son of a personal friend. After a brief talk the two were photographed together.

The visit to Domremy, the home of Joan of Arc was the concluding incident of the day. Secretary Baker and Gen. Pershing driving to the little village in the trenches and the first to suffer casualties. They inspected the church where the French heroine was baptised and the humble cot where she was born.

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Lowell	10	24	57.5
Providence	11	21	54.7
Lawrence	10	25	53.3
Lewiston	10	24	52.8
Worcester	29	29	42.6
Portland	27	30	40.3

ROLLER POLO RESULTS

Lawrence 8, Worcester 4.
Lewiston 7, Portland 6.

The Portland polo club has been completely reorganized, and when the team appears against Lowell at the Rollaway rink tomorrow night, only one of the players who were here on the last trip will be in the lineup. This club has experienced more trouble than all the other teams put together, and it has also suffered more accidents than any other club. Last Saturday night in Worcester, Fred Long, 2nd rush, injured his back by falling against a cage, and he may never be able to play polo again. Red Williams, brother of Kid Williams of Lowell, the fast first rush of the team, is laid up and will be out of the game for the rest of the season. Jimmie Cameron, who sustained a broken jaw early in the season got back into the game last week, but he is again out with illness and will not come back again for some time. Morrison, too, is not with the team. This leaves Butte the sole survivor.

But the league officials as well as the men behind the team are determined to finish the season and they have gone out and brought together a very formidable combination. Mulligan, of Worcester, who is leading the league in going to the spot has been sold to Portland and will appear as first rush. "Bub" Luxon, a veteran, and one of the best at the game, who was with Lawrence early in the season is expected to be in the lineup, while two other "dark horses," said to be great defensive men, will be found at center and halfback. Mullin, who found the fountain of youth, when he went from Worcester to Portland, will appear in front of the coop.

Harkins Will Play

Ferdie Harkins, captain and "brain" of the Lowell team, will be back in the lineup tomorrow night. He was taken ill on Sunday, and his physician advised him to take to bed immediately, or face a long lay-off later. Ferdie, while hardly able to stand, hated to leave the ship but took his doctor's tip, and as a result he nipped his illness in time. He is now much better and will be seen in the cage tomorrow night, passing, ducking, rushing, and directing the plays as only he can. All rejoice at his speedy recovery and with him back at the same old stand Lowell's pennant hopes take a big jump.

POLO NOTES

Harkins is one of the finest players in polo and he has done as much if not more to make the Lowell team pacesetter in the league race as any member of the outfit. He enjoys the reputation of being the brains of Lowell's play and certain it is with him out Lowell's passing game was shot to pieces. It was nowhere in evidence—Lawrence Tribune.

The Lowell team was a sorry spectacle minus Harkins, and it was very evident who has been the big man on the team all season. Kid Williams, the pride of the up-river fans, might just as well have remained in the dressing room for all the good he did. Russell in goal played a great game for Lowell and but for his excellent work the score would have been much larger. The little fellow made some spectacular stops. He was severely bombarded, but pluckily kept kicking them away from the cage—Lawrence Telegram.

ST. ANNE'S CLUB OF LAWRENCE WINS IN TOURNAMENT WITH THE C.M.A.C.

The tournament between the C.M.A.C. of this city and St. Anne's club of Lawrence which came to a close at the former's quarters in Pawtucket street last night resulted in a decisive victory for the Lawrence boys.

When the C.M.A.C. started last night it was 219 points behind the St. Anne's aggregation and the latter succeeded in winning at pool, cribbage, whist and pith.

The boy pool wonder of the C.M.A.C., St. Jean, who is but 17 years of age, won his game from the Lawrence man but his partner was not so fortunate.

Last night's scores were as follows:

Pool
C.M.A.C.—F. Gregoire, 64; A. St. Jean, 100; total, 164. St. Anne's club—P. Bolduc, 100; L. Marchessault, 73; total, 173.

Pith
C.M.A.C.—R. Deltier, F. Morin, 24; St. Anne's club—A. Noel, E. Noel, 52.

Cribbage
C.M.A.C.—L. St. Jean 570; H. Barry 624; total, 1197. St. Anne's club—P. Morin, 593; L. Laidon, 577; total, 1170.

Whist
C.M.A.C.—H. Blazon, J. Paquette, St. Anne's club—L. Lemieux, P. Mailloche, 25; Lawrence, 25; total, 50. C.M.A.C.—J. Arbour, E. Simard, St. Anne's club—F. Courtenanche, W. Jacques, 30; total, 60. Lawrence, 24; C.M.A.C.—A. Fortin, J. Sirois, St. Anne's club—Leo Morin, Joseph Porrier, 30; total, 60. Lawrence, 53; C.M.A.C.—E. Bellefeuille, A. Bellefeuille, 53.

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Mr. Jackson is responsible. Above statement true.—Pub.

Ann's club: J. Quintal, R. Noel. Score: Lowell, 45; Lawrence, 28.

Summary
C.M.A.C.—Pool, 184; pith, 34; cribbage, 1097; whist, 182; total, 1477.
St. Anne's club—Pool, 173; pith, 59; cribbage, 1170; whist, 173; total, 1559.
Majority for Lawrence, 108.
Final victory for St. Anne's club by 222 points.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW ENGLAND HORSE BREEDERS' AND FAIRS' ASSOCIATION

BOSTON, March 21.—Organization of the New England Horse Breeders' and Fairs' association was completed today at a meeting in this city of secretaries of racing and fair associations and New England horsemen. The purpose of the new association is to stimulate interest in horse breeding in the area and to provide remounts for the army and navy horses and to co-ordinate the work of New England fairs in encouraging the development of farming.

PLAN BIG FIGHT IN THE OPEN AIR

CHICAGO, March 21.—Final articles of agreement for the world's championship fight between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, July 4, will be signed here next Tuesday, according to an announcement made yesterday after a conference between the representatives of Willard and Fulton, at which the details of the fight were discussed.

There were present at yesterday's meeting Willard and his manager, Col. J. H. Herk, and Mike Collins, manager for Fulton.

J. H. Herk, a local theatrical manager, associated with William Koenig, announced that he would offer \$125,000 for the fight. Herk and his partner are said to have leased a part of Collins' boxing club in Minneapolis, and will hold the fight in the open air there if their bid is accepted.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE MACHINISTS OF THE BILLERICA CAR SHOPS

The regular quarterly gathering of the machinists of the Boston & Maine car shops in Billerica took place last evening in the Odd Fellows hall, Middlesex street. The affair was in the form of a banquet followed by a very interesting address by Chief Yeoman Tucker of the local naval recruiting station.

Yeoman Tucker spoke straight from the shoulder, informing his listeners that Uncle Sam was in need of machinists and that all men of this craft were eligible for service provided they could pass the physical examination. He spoke of the allotments for wives and children and explained the war insurance policy which the government offers all its men. He closed by making an urgent appeal to all eligible machinists to call at his office and offer their services. The meeting was brought to a close with a musical and literary program.

SERVICE BAR FOR FOR MAJ. GEN. MARCH

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Major-General March, acting chief of staff, appeared at his office yesterday with a small single chevron on the sleeve of his uniform blouse, the first appearance in Washington of this newly adopted mark of actual service at the front. The single V-shaped mark on the lower sleeve indicates six months' actual service at the front, and officers and men are entitled to wear the decoration and additional chevrons for subsequent periods of front line service.

DRACUT MEN ENTERTAIN

The men of the Dracut Centre Congregational church conducted their annual supper and entertainment in Grange hall last evening, and the affair was attended by about 200 people who spent a most enjoyable evening. The supper was served in the lower hall in the early part of the evening, and later a very pleasing entertainment program was carried out in the upper hall under the direction of Walter Boynton.

The chairman of the various committees in charge of the event were as follows: Walter Boynton, entertainment; Thomas H. Varnum, publicity; James Walsh, Jr., waiters; and Frank Huntley, soliciting.

DEMONSTRATION IN SCHOOLS ON MEAT STRETCHER AND MEAT SUBSTITUTES

Miss Bernice Everett gave a demonstration on meat stretcher and meat substitutes at the Butler school yesterday afternoon, before an interested group of women. She also demonstrated a rice pudding with fruit. She was assisted by Miss Madewen Rowlandson. The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. David Mahoney, chairman of the Central district. Mrs. J. J. Higgins, Mrs. Mountain and Mrs. Bernice.

Mrs. Herbert Swett also gave a demonstration of meat substitutes yesterday afternoon at the Greenhale school, before a large attendance. She was assisted by Mrs. Katharine Humphrey. The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Bennett, chairman of this district, and her committee.

Mrs. Humphrey will give another shoppers' demonstration at the war work headquarters, 119 Merrimack street, next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She will demonstrate the use of oatmeal. All women who are down-town between 3 and 5 are invited to attend, if only for a few minutes.

JOSEPH FOURNIER AND STAFF GO "OVER THE TOP" IN POLICY SELLING CONTEST

The local employees of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. gathered around the festive board at the Harriscenia hotel last evening to congratulate Assistant Superintendent Joseph Fournier and his staff over the splendid victory obtained recently in a policy selling contest in which the numerous staffs of the company throughout the United States and Canada were interested, and in which Mr. Fournier and his men came out victorious.

The local office is in charge of Supt. N. J. Benoit and he has three assistants, Messrs. Alfred Pournier, F.P.V. Lundberg and M. A. Twitchell. When word was received from the home office to the effect that a contest was on, the local assistants got together and made a little side bet, which involved a dinner for the entire staff, the losing staffs to settle all expenses. The contest went on and a few days ago the local office was notified that Mr. Fournier and his staff had gone "over the top" that is had come out first among all the staffs in the states and Canada, and when this bit of information was received, the other assistant superintendents immediately planned to pay their debt and hence last evening's gathering at the hotel.

The men gathered around the festive board in the early part of the evening and after discussing a very appetizing menu listened to interesting addresses. The post prandial exercises were presided over by Supt. Benoit, who warmly congratulated the winning staff and urged the losers to get busy in an endeavor to get over the top. Mr. Benoit also made reference to the war saving stamps and said the company had placed itself to dispose of a great amount of these stamps and Lowell was expected to do her share in the sales. He spoke at length on the meaning of the war stamps and told how easy it is to dispose of them.

Dr. Joseph A. Mehan and Dr. Thomas B. Delaney, medical examiners for the company, also spoke and gave valuable advice to the men. A representative of The Sun also addressed the gathering and Assistant Supt. Fournier told how his men had gone over the top. He said he was so proud and confident of his staff that he was ready at any time to issue a challenge to any staff in the states or Canada. Other speakers were Assistant Supts. Lundberg and Twitchell. In the latter part of the evening enjoyable musical numbers were given by Walter Steel, violin and Walter Pouliot, pianist.

The members of the winning staff are Assistant Supt. Alfred Pournier, Supt. Benoit, Supt. W. J. Benoit, Supt. Steele, W. K. Hogan and George A. Alllette. Others who were present at the festivities were Supt. Benoit, Drs. Delaney and Mehan, Assistants Supts. Lundberg and Twitchell and Agents M. B. Holmes, J. S. Olson, George Lachapelle, Albert Nadey, Alfred Bourassa, A. Cagne, Carl Thoreson, N. Minassian.

POLICE COURT

Peter Pacenicz, who conducts a barber shop in Middlesex street, appeared in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with keeping

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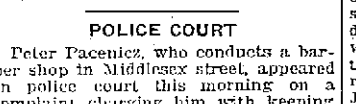
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his shop open on the Lord's day, it being alleged that he did work in his shop after the bells had tolled the mid-night hour last Saturday night. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$2.

William J. Scott was found guilty of stealing a saw and sentenced to one month in jail. Bloomer Gilard, drunkenness, was sentenced to three months in the house of correction, sentence being suspended for six months. Two first offenders were released.

EXEMPTION BOARD NOTICE

The following men from Division 2 have been notified to report at city hall March 23 to be inducted into the national army:

15-1555 Ralph N. Fiorello, 26 E. Pine Pine
17-1555 Arthur Berard, 8 Middlesex
22-1572 Patrick McInerney, 459 Broadway
162-1818 Arthur Crevier, 43 Howard
233-205 Wm. Hanley, 44 Rock
335-1023 Gustav Konkouras, 916 Franklin
289-1276 Emile Soucier, 435 Market
405-1716 Michael Albin, 88 W. Main st.
415-1716 Franklin
504-1895 George Trudel, 55 Liberty
540-2252 Geo. Demers, 88 1-3 Millst. st.
Gloucester, Care Mrs. Morrison.
554-1771 Alcide Brulotte, Westbrook, Maine
738-1556 Louis Samuel Maher, 203 Fletcher
748-1973 Armand Lorange, 14 Lawton
750-1690 Leo B. Tighe, 40 John
789-1690 Emil Mocheleau, 692 Midd'x
751-2844 Michael J. Rayball, 5 Walker ave.
798-1655 James Scanlon, 14 Franklin
The last two named are alternates.

FEDERAL LAW RELATIVE TO SALE OR PURCHASE OF EXPLOSIVES

Under the provisions of a federal act which became effective November 15, 1917, individuals, firms and corporations, possessing, buying or selling explosives or ingredients thereof, must procure a federal license in addition to such license as is required by the laws of this commonwealth. Charles L. Hildreth of Westford, with an office at 307 Sun building, has been appointed a federal licensing officer and is authorized to issue licenses.

DANCING AT BOAT HOUSE

Dancing parties are being held every Thursday evening at the Pawtucket boat house and large crowds are enjoying the pleasures of the affair. Miner-Doyle's orchestra furnishes the music and this is sufficient to insure the best there is. A pleasant atmosphere combine to make an evening spent there a real treat. The usual party will be held this evening.

HAT AND GOWN EXHIBIT

An exhibition of gowns and hats made by the girls of the Vocational school will be held tomorrow evening at the Greenhale school in Ennelt st. and the public is invited to call and inspect the work of the young women during the winter months. The exhibition will be held from 8 to 9:15 o'clock.

CITY TEAMSTER DIED SUDDENLY TODAY

Joshua Hart, aged about 50 years, and for the past 15 years employed by the health department as driver of an ash wagon, died suddenly on the seat of his wagon in Princeton street, shortly before noon today. Death was due to heart failure. The ambulance was summoned but when it was found that the man was dead the body was removed to the undertaking parlors of J. P. O'Donnell & Sons in Market street.

Hart had driven a load of ashes to the dump in Princeton street, had backed the horse and removed the tailboard of the wagon when evidently he felt the heart attack and, climbing back to the seat to rest himself, passed away. His lifeless body was found by a passerby who telephoned for the ambulance.

The deceased had been troubled with his heart for the past four years. He was an expert in breaking in "green horses" and when new horses were purchased they were turned over to him until they were trained for duty on ash wagons. During recent years, however, owing to trouble with his heart he had to decline to train green horses.

He resided at 43 Franklin street and is survived by one brother who resides in Boston.

"DRYS" LOSE OUT IN TEST VOTE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 21.—Defeat of the ratification bill in the New York legislature of the prohibitory amendment to the federal constitution was virtually accomplished yesterday, when the dry forces in the senate on a test vote, with all their power displayed, lacked a majority.

Lowell, Thursday, March 21, 1918

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New Buyer's Sale of MUSLIN UNDERWEAR Starts Tomorrow



This department has been taken over this past week by a new buyer, and in going over the stock has found hosts of desirable patterns in dainty lingerie. These goods have not been stored away for years. They are all up-to-date styles, and as for prices—well look for yourself at the items below and then decide—

- Crepe de chine Envelope Chemise, flesh and white. Reg. price \$2.50 and \$3.50, slightly soiled. Specially priced at \$1.50 Each
- Straight Chemise, trimmed prettily with valencienne, duchess lace and Swiss embroidery. Reg. price 79c, \$1.00, \$1.50. Specially priced at 50c, 79c and 98c Each
- Marcella Combinations. Reg. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98 value. Plisse trimmed with terehon lace, others of fine ninisook and long cloth, lace and embroidery trimmed. Specially priced, 50c, 79c, 98c Each
- Skirt Combinations, plisse, trimmed with lace. Reg. price \$1.00 and \$1.50. Now 50c
- Skirt Combinations, in long cloth and ninisook, trimmed with Swiss embroidery and lace. Reg. price \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98. Specially priced at 50c and 98c Each
- Envelope Chemise, lace and hamburger trimmed. Reg. price \$1.00, \$1.50. Specially priced at 50c Each
- Envelope Drawers. Reg. price \$1.00. Specially priced at 50c Each
- DRAWERS, with hamburger trimming and lace. Reg. price \$1.00. Specially priced at 50c Each
- TODAY IS THE TIME TO PURCHASE SUMMER UNDERMUSLINS AT REDUCED PRICES. THIRD FLOOR
- MARCELLA DRAWERS, hamburger and lace trimmed. Reg. price 79c and \$1.00. Specially priced at 50c Each
- MARCELLA DRAWERS, plisse, lace trimmed. Reg. price 79c. Specially priced at 39c Each
- CORSET COVERS, lace and hamburger trimmed. Reg. price 50c. Specially priced at 25c and 39c Each
- Corset Covers, some trimmed with hamburger, others plain. Reg. price 29c and 50c. Specially priced at 10c and 19c Each
- Camisoles, flesh and white crepe de chine. Reg. \$1.00. Specially priced at 69c Each
- CAMISOLE, in flesh batiste. Reg. price 79c. Specially priced at 39c Each
- CAMISOLE, flesh and white silk poplin. Reg. price \$1.00. Specially priced at 69c Each
- BOUDOIR CAPS of silk muslin, in pink and blue. Reg. price 25c and 39c. Specially priced, 10c Each
- BOUDOIR CAPS of organdie and net. Reg. price 25c and 39c. Specially priced 10c Each
- BOUDOIR CAPS. Reg. price 79c and \$1.00. Specially priced at 25c Each
- TAKE ELEVATOR

WANT U.S. OFFICERS FOR RUSSIAN ARMY

MOSCOW, Tuesday, March 21 (By the Associated Press).—There has been a marked change in the attitude of the allies toward the soviet government. The entente missions are no longer pushing away from Russia.

The English, French, Americans, Italians and Serbians now have military missions in Moscow, and they are taking quarters, as they expect to remain.

There are many signs of renewed co-operation between Russia and the allies.

Leon Trotsky's reply to the allies' inquiries concerning reports that the Bolsheviks had armed thousands of German and Austrian war prisoners in Siberia.

Girls! Use Lemons! Make a Bleaching, Beautifying Cream

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoothening and beautifier. Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soften, freshen, bleach and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It is simply marvelous to smoothen rough, red hands.

SOON BE TIME TO OPEN UP THE DOORS AND WINDOWS AND PUT IN THE SCREENS

Dust, sunshine and sudden showers are hard on floors, baseboards, window-sills, etc.

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SHIPS LOST IN WAR

Continued

treasurer and reception committee. Messrs. I. J. Quinn, I. Green, L. Abrams, Sigmund E. Rostler, Mrs. I. Schwartz and Mrs. Frank Goldman.

Credit for the most unique costume was given Mrs. Bennie Rostler and she was roundly congratulated for her dancing.

Ne Loss 2,432,297 Tons

In spite of the tremendous toll of losses they do not approach the claims of the Germans and with 2,432,297 tons of enemy ships added to the output of the war period the net loss in world shipping exclusive of that of Germany and her allies is only 2,632,297.

The maximum of losses was reached in the second quarter of 1917, after the unrestricted warfare which drew the United States into the struggle was launched. That quarter 2,258,933 gross tons of ships went down. Since then the total has been reduced until in the fourth quarter of 1917 it was 1,272,342.

In the meantime the shipbuilding output steadily curved upward. In the last quarter of 1917 it was 932,023 tons and at that time the enormously increased facilities of the United States had not begun to get into action.

U.S. Navy U-Boats

Although warning against undue optimism the admiralty statement says: "The results of the past year have shown the ability of our seamen to get upon terms with the submarine menace and gradually to gain the upper hand."

"In announcing in the house of commons yesterday that hereafter figures on losses and building would be made public at regular intervals, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, said that it is still too early to publish the totals for the year."

Admiralty Memorandum

The admiralty memorandum says: "Hitherto the board of admiralty have been averse from any publication other than contained in the weekly return losses, although it has frequently been pressed upon them that the whole tonnage facts should be made public."

So long as such publication would encourage the enemy and would stir up his energies in a dangerous direction, they have not been able to concur in the proposal.

"The figures today will not stimulate the enemy and the admiralty recognize that the policy of silence, necessary as they believe it to have been from a naval point of view, has had this serious defect, that it fails sufficiently to impress upon the people of this country the vital necessity of individual and united effort on their part to make good the losses caused by enemy submarines."

"It would not be correct to assume that the losses by submarine will continue to decrease or that the production of merchant vessels will continue to increase at the same rate of progress as is shown in the last few quarters, although a rapid and continuous increase in the output of merchant tonnage will inevitably follow the united efforts of all engaged in merchant shipbuilding in this country."

"On the subject of losses the admiralty disclaims any desire to prophesy about so uncertain a thing as war in its submarine phase. The results of the past year have shown the ability of our seamen to get up terms with the submarine menace and gradually to gain the upper hand. This result has been achieved in spite of an imperfect knowledge of a new and barbarous method of warfare and of a scarcity of suitable material. Our material resources for this warfare are already improved and are being rapidly augmented, whilst science is placing at our disposal means of offense and defense of which we have been in need."

"With regard to the production of merchant tonnage, any estimate for the future must depend wholly on the determination of employers and men in the shipyards and marine engineering establishments. The production, however, of merchant ships in the United Kingdom during January, 1918, even making the most generous allowance for weather conditions, fell so far below that of each month in the preceding quarter that if improvement is not speedily made, the point where production balances losses will be postponed to a dangerous extent and even when that point is reached we shall still have to make good the losses of the past during the critical period that confronts us."

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This home-made remedy to a wonder for quick results. Easily and cheaply made.

The prompt and positive action of this simple, inexpensive home-made remedy in quickly healing the inflamed or swollen membranes of the throat, chest or bronchial tubes and breaking up tight coughs, has caused it to be used in more homes than any other cough remedy. Under its healing, soothing influence, chest soreness goes, phlegm loosens, breathing becomes easier, tickling in throat stops and you get a good night's restful sleep. The usual throat and chest colds are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, hoarseness, croup, cough, bronchial asthma or winter coughs.

To make this splendid cough syrup, pour 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (60 cents worth), into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup and shake thoroughly. You then have a full pint—a family supply—of a much better cough syrup than you could buy ready-made for \$2.50. Keeps perfectly, and children love its pleasant taste.

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shipyards and on ourselves. Our partners in the war are making every effort to increase their production of ships, but a considerable time must elapse before the desired output is secured.

To produce in the United Kingdom 1,500,000 in 1918 and to reach an ultimate production at the rate of three million per annum is well within the present and prospective capacity of our shipyards and marine engineering shops but the ranks of the skilled men must be enlarged without delay by the introduction of men and women at present unskilled.

"The board of admiralty wish to make it perfectly clear that these results can be obtained unless maximum output is obtained continuously given in every shipyard and marine shop by everyone concerned. If employers hesitate to play their part, if men anywhere 'down tools' go slow for any reason, they will do so in full knowledge of the grievous extent to which they are prejudicing the vital interests of the community."

"It is to ensure vigorous co-operation of all concerned that the admiralty have recommended the publication of the facts."

FLOYD BIBLE CLASS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HAS ANNUAL MEETING

The members of the Floyd Bible class of the First Baptist church held their annual meeting last evening.

Supper was served at 5.30, the guests for the occasion being Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Beale of the Highland Congregational church, and Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Camp of the North Tewksbury Baptist church.

The business session was presided over by President Warren F. Sanborn.

A report on the membership class shows a total of 104, with an average attendance for the year of 44 1/2. The election of officers, which was a feature of the meeting, resulted as follows: Harry Slokes, president; A. J. French, vice president; Mrs. F. C. Amadon, secretary; Mrs. Campbell, assistant secretary; F. C. Amadon, treasurer.

In the course of the evening, interesting remarks were made by Rev. A. C. Archibald, pastor, Rev. Mr. Beale and Rev. Mr. Camp. The committee in charge of the supper consisted of Mrs. S. W. Hands, chairman; Mrs. H. B. Decatur, Mrs. Mary Sables, Mrs. James Anderson and Mrs. F. C. Amadon.

TO INCREASE TUITION FEE

NORTHAMPTON, March 21.—Smith college, beginning next fall, will increase its tuition fee from \$150 to \$200 in order to meet increased cost of maintenance. In making the announcement college authorities pointed out that some institutions had taken similar action, while others had imposed a maintenance fee in addition to the tuition.

WALDRON MAY BE SENTENCED TODAY

HURLINGTON, Vt., March 21.—Rev. Clarence H. Waldron of Windsor, found guilty in the federal court here Tuesday of disloyalty to the United States, will probably be sentenced today. The convicted pastor and his pentecostal followers are strongly inclined not to let the case drop now and may take it to the United States court of appeals if the necessary expenses can be provided. Several of the pentecostals are still in the city. Mr. Waldron has not been locked up.

INCREASE IN WAGES

The employees of the Talbot mills in North Billerica will receive an increase in wages beginning March 25. A notice to that effect was posted in the various departments of the mill yesterday and, although the amount was not stated, it is believed that it will be three cents an hour.

MASQUERADE AND CHARACTER PARTY UNDER DIRECTION OF Y.W.C.A. EXTENSION CLASS

The Y.W.C.A. in John street was the scene of a delightful social time which took the form of a masquerade and character party. It was held under the direction of the extension class of which Miss Annie P. Hodgkins is secretary. There was a large attendance of young women and about 75 appeared in costumes of various descriptions.

Some of the girls present were attired as gaiters, soldiers, cowboys, gypsies, Highlanders, Boy Scouts and various other characters. All were masked and the evening's fun started with a series of games and races, after which two lines were formed and a guessing contest as to the identity of the opposite partner was carried on. After that came the grand march and then all unmasked. Prizes were given for the best and most grotesque costumes, and in the leading role.

Yvonne Martel, dressed as a cowboy, took the prize. Miss Maude Murphy, in negro costume, took the booby.

The march over, several other games were enjoyed, after which the refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Hodgkins.

If you want to reach the people who spend their money in Lowell, advertise in The Sun, Lowell's greatest newspaper.

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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION WHEN MEN ARE BUYING SUITS AND OVERCOATS FOR EASTER

Some 10 or more Men's Clothing Stores will be making their claims in the newspapers tomorrow. Most of them will be saying as loudly as type can shout—"Best Clothing, Lowest Prices."

It is confusing.

They cannot all be right—yet it stands to reason that in certain of these stores you are going to get better clothing and better service at the same or lower cost than in others.

What is a man to do?

Well, for one thing, he ought to use his good horse sense and choose at this time a store which he himself has tried and found trustworthy. Or (if he has not tried any store in this city) choose a store his friends know to be reliable.

In these times of stress a good name is invaluable to both a store and its customers.

The Merrimack Clothing Store has an enviable reputation for service, for honesty, for integrity, built up by many years of earnestly striving to be of utmost service to the people. On every hand you hear—

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We invite you to come to our Spring Opening Friday and Saturday and inspect the new stocks of Shuman, Sampeck, Seco and other clothing makes in the new Spring Suits and Topcoats at

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A NEW HAT FOR EASTER

You'll find here this week probably the largest assortment of Fine Hats to choose from in the city. All the newest and most approved shapes and colors are here in endless variety.

As always we lay special emphasis on the WILSON HAT, for which we are sole agents in Lowell. If you've never worn a Wilson try one this season on our recommendation. Wilson Hats \$3.50, \$4, \$5 are priced.....

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Men's \$25 Suits	\$21.50	Ladies' \$15 Rain Coats	\$11.50
Men's \$15 Suits	\$12.50	Ladies' \$20 Silk or Serge Dresses	\$16.75
Men's \$30 Overcoats	\$24.50	Ladies' \$5.00 Waists	\$3.98
Men's \$15 Rain Coats	\$11.75	Ladies' \$3.98 Waists	\$2.98
Men's \$5 Pants	\$3.95	Ladies' \$3.98 Petticoats	\$2.98
Men's \$2.50 Pants	\$1.95	Ladies' \$1.25 Umbrellas .....	.89c
Men's \$2.50 Hats	\$1.95	Ladies' \$1.15 House Dresses .....	.89c
Men's \$1.50 Caps	\$1.20	Ladies' \$1.00 Silk Stockings .....	.49c
Men's \$1.00 Caps .....	.39c		
Men's \$1.25 Umbrellas .....	.95c		
Men's \$1.00 Shirts .....	.89c		
Men's 85c Work Shirts .....	.69c		
Men's \$2.00 Union Suits	\$1.69		
Men's \$1.00 Underwear .....	.79c		
Men's \$1.15 Night Shirts .....	.85c		
Men's 35c Stockings .....	.26c		
Men's 60c Silk Stockings 35c; 3 pairs \$1.00	\$1.00		
Men's \$1.00 Neckwear .....	.89c		
Men's 65c Neckwear .....	.52c		
		Boys' \$12.00 Suits (two pants)	\$10.95
		Boys' \$7.00 Suits (two pants)	\$5.95
		Boys' \$5.00 Spring Reefers	\$3.95
		Boys' \$1.25 Pants .....	.95c
		Boys' 69c Shirts and Waists55c
		Boys' 29c Black Stockings21c
		Boys' 25c Neckwear19c
		Boys' 50c Caps39c

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HOSPITALS IN FRANCE

There Are Now 40,000 Hospitals in France and More Are Being Built All the Time

The following story having to do with hospitals in France is by Ida McGlone Gibbons, a Sun correspondent, who has just returned from a trip to the war zone under the auspices of the American Red Cross.

There are 40,000 hospitals in France and more are being built all the time. The largest American hospital—the American wounded—is operating at the Johns Hopkins unit and contains 650 beds. This hospital is built into our barracks building and last winter the nurses suffered many hardships there, but they were uncomplainingly.

"Many a morning my shoes were frozen to the floor," said a nurse to me, "and it makes me smile when I think of all of us coming over here with the white uniforms of the hospitals at home. We would have frozen had not the Red Cross furnished us with these heavy blue wool uniforms."

"These women are of wards of color, taking at least 50 men, beds side by side, down a long narrow room, with a coal stove at either end. It was so that I saw our first man crippled by war. He had lost a leg.

He seemed very cheerful about it and said he was coming back to America as soon as he was able.

"I'll get something to do, because there will be so many boys over here," he said.

Before I left this hospital I heard the order given that the artificial leg made should be sent him from the Red Cross headquarters at Paris.

Later I was ill at the hospital at Gen. Pershing's headquarters. At that time this base hospital was almost entirely given up to American soldiers suffering with pneumonia. I came very near losing it myself and thus learned about those queer things they call "nightingales."

I saw these flannel garments in the Red Cross warehouses and asked someone what derivatively the wounded soldier was going to do with a woman's evening jacket. It was when I arrived at the hospital with a room heated with

a tiny coal stove, that went out regularly every night, I found out. These wool capes are used to cover the patients' shoulders and are used especially in pneumonia cases where the fresh air treatment is given.

And mighty comforting they are, I can testify.

At this hospital I was given Red Cross garments. I wore the wool pajamas and these nightgowns.

I cannot say enough about the American nurses in France. They are tireless in their attentions. The pretty girl who cared for me had a whole host of officers on her hands and in most of the rooms in the officers' quarters there were from two to four beds.

There is one woman, Miss Carri, who was a war nurse in 1870, and is nursing now in a base hospital near Paris.

When I recovered, I was given the following discharge from the hospital: Headquarters Base Hospital No. 15—A.E.P.

January 9, 1918.
Special Order, No. 4.
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1st Lieut. S. C.
Adjutant.

I took 17 papers to get me out of the town where my permit had only been made for ten days.

My sickness made me overstay my permit three days, consequently I spent an entire day going from one official to another and having permits to leave signed and countersigned.

The universal request in France is "Let me see your papers?" and you begin to feel after you have gotten together a sheaf of them—requiring a separate portfolio, like the villain in the melodrama, who is always being asked "Where are the papers?"



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This leaves the woolens softer and fluffier. Squeeze the water out. Do not twist. Dry in the shade, and press with a warm iron, never a hot one. A damp piece of cheese-cloth will prevent the iron from scorching or yellowing the garments. Wash colored woolens in lukewarm suds, and do not soak.



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President Sends Message to New Jersey Democrats—Urged to Meet Test of New Time

NEWARK, N. J., March 21.—New Jersey democratic leaders who assembled in Newark last night for a reorganization banquet were greeted by a message from President Wilson, as national head of the party, calling upon them to rise to the test of a new time when old party slogans have lost their significance, and to commit themselves to disinterested service to humanity.

In a letter presented by Sec. Tumulty, the president said the necessity for his staying "on the job" made it impossible for him to be present, but it was clear that, in the face of present conditions in New Jersey, he could not overlook his responsibility to point out what he believed to be the duty of the democrats of the state in a great hour of crisis.

President Wilson's Message

"A time of grave crisis has come in the life of the democratic party in New Jersey," the president wrote, "a time when its friends and supporters must face the facts of the situation if they would serve the cause of free government in New Jersey. Every sign of these terrible days of war and revolutionary change, when economic and social forces are being reformed on the world, when old party slogans have lost their significance, and to commit themselves to disinterested service to humanity. Every sign of these terrible days of war and revolutionary change, when economic and social forces are being reformed on the world, when old party slogans have lost their significance, and to commit themselves to disinterested service to humanity.

"The old party slogans have lost their significance and will mean nothing to the voter of the future, for the war is certain to change the mind of Europe as well as the mind of America.

Democracy Facing Test

"Men everywhere are searching democratic principles to their hearts to de-

termine their soundness, their sincerity, their adaptability to the real needs of their life, and every man with any vision must see that the real test of justice and right action is presently to come as it never came before.

"The men in the trenches, who have been freed from the economic servitude to which some of them had been accustomed, will, it is likely, return to their homes with a new view and a new impatience of all mere political phrases and will demand real thinking and sincere action.

"Let the democratic party in New Jersey, therefore, forget everything but the new service which they are to be called upon to render. The days of political and economic reconstruction which are ahead of us no man can now definitely assess, but we know this, that every program must be shot through and through with utter disinterestedness, that no party must try to serve humanity, and that the task is a very practical one, meaning that every program, every measure in every program, must be tested by this question and this question only."

"Is It Just?" Main Question

"Is it just; is it for the benefit of the average man, without influence or privilege; does it embody in real fact the highest conception of social justice and of right dealing, without respect of person or class or particular interest? This is a high test. It can be met only by those who have genuine sympathy with the mass of men and real insight into their needs and opportunities and a purpose which is purged of selfish and partisan intention. The party which rises to this test will receive the support of the people, because it deserves it."

Sec. Tumulty told the diners that in his opinion they had listened to a letter which embodied the gospel of democracy of this new day.

"These principles," he said, "represent the outpourings of the heart of

one of the greatest leaders of democratic forces in the world at this time, a leader whose moral weight and influence is as dominant in the councils of Europe as it is in the councils of the democratic posts in our own country. He has given expression to the yearnings that come from the hearts of common men."

LOUIS S. COX NOMINATED ASSOCIATE OF THE PERH COURT

BOSTON, March 21.—Dist. Atty. Louis S. Cox of Lawrence, yesterday nominated by Gov. McCall associate judge of the superior court to succeed the late Judge William Hamilton, is a brother of Speaker Chase. Cox of the Massachusetts house, Walter Cox, the famous horseman, and ex-Senator Guy Cox of Boston, with whom he served in the upper branch of the legislature in 1916.

Air. Cox has been prosecutor in Essex county virtually since the retirement of Atty. Gen. Atwill to enter upon his state duties.

Graduating from Dartmouth in 1896, Cox entered Boston University Law school, graduating in 1899. He went to Lawrence and almost immediately was chosen chairman of the republican city committee. He was given numerous other political honors and then carried the democratic city in the fight for the senatorship. In 1906 he resigned to become postmaster at Lawrence.

STREET RAILWAY EXPERT RECOMMENDS SERVICE-AT-COST PLAN FOR MASS.

BOSTON, March 21.—Peter Witt, a widely known street railway expert, who was formerly commissioner in Cleveland under the celebrated cooperative street railway plan, addressed the street railway committee of the legislature today explaining the features of the service-at-cost plan as they have worked out in Cleveland with a view to showing how they could be adapted to the situation in this state. Mr. Witt says that what the plan did for Cleveland it can do for the street railways of Massachusetts. He said in part, "I have been asked many times, 'Can the Cleveland service-at-cost plan be made to work in Massachusetts?' My answer is yes, there or any other place, for people are people regardless of where you find them, and they are the same in Cleveland as they are here."

Mr. Witt reviewed the situation in Cleveland prior to the adoption of the plan and said that the conditions there were even worse than those confronting the street railways of this state. He showed how the operation of the plan has been the salvation of

SIX MILLION TONS SUNK

British First Lord Gives Figures for Shipping Losses in Year—Shipyards Gaining on U-Boats

LONDON, March 21.—The most comprehensive statement yet made regarding Great Britain's shipping output and the losses due to U-boats was that made yesterday in the house of commons by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, the first lord of the admiralty.

He said the amount of tonnage sunk in the last 12 months was 6,000,000, instead of the 5,500,000 claimed by the Germans, and that during the last quarter of 1917 the allies were averaging within 100,000 monthly of making good these losses by submarines and mines.

Premier Lloyd George, speaking last, said there was every hope that such a deficiency would be made good, and after that the margin over submarine losses would steadily increase.

New Light on Shipping

Sir Eric announced that figures on the shipping output and tonnage losses of Great Britain would be published regularly hereafter.

The total allied and neutral tonnage was now 42,000,000, he continued, largely due to new construction by the United States and the seizure of German ships.

The output of new tonnage, he continued, was very low in 1915 and reached its lowest point in 1916. This decline had been coincident with the increased output of munitions. Before the intensified submarine war began

the situation, and how it had worked out to the utmost satisfaction of everyone. In reviewing the development of the plan in Cleveland Mr. Witt said, "Neither Tom Johnson and his followers or the officials of the railway company in Cleveland thought very much of the plan at the time it was adopted but at the end of eight years it has proven a success from every point of view and nobody in Cleveland would think of going back to the old order of things."

"Let me tell you how the plan was started. Johnson and his followers wanted public ownership, but this the laws of the state denied. The railway wanted private ownership, which the voters were opposed to. The service-at-cost plan was then devised after prolonged negotiation. Its purpose was, and is not only to give the people the sort of service that they want, and need but also to protect the investors and assure them a reasonable return on their money."

"In Cleveland," he said, "experiences show that one of the first benefits to be gained through the cooperative plan is in getting the confidence of the riding public, and to change people who have been continual 'knockers' into sincere 'boosters.' Again, the plan makes it easy to finance the properties which in turn enables the companies to make improvements when and where they are needed."

Mr. Witt believes that the fixed fare is wrong in principle and application. He believes that street railway riders should pay for what they get and adds: "It is entirely up to the public whether the service shall be poor and the fare low, or whether the service shall be good at commensurate fare." The people of Cleveland realize that during these war times higher costs for everything must mean higher fares and raised no objection to the several increases made necessary during the last few months. They have absolute faith in the automatic fare plan and know that when costs drop, the fares will drop also.

Mr. Witt does not find any conditions in Massachusetts that are foreign to the application of the principles of service-at-cost. He considers the adoption of that plan to be the only logical thing to do, and the only means of correcting the existing evils, rehabilitating the roads, re-establishing credit, and putting the companies in a fair way to give the kind of service that is called for by present conditions, and the future growth of the state.

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while during the last quarter of 1915 it had been only 42,000 tons.

When the controller of construction took over the shipyards there were 50 large merchant ships in various stages of construction, upon which British shipping had been stopped for lack of sufficient material or labor, he said, and in many cases they were congesting the shipyards.

It was well within the capacity of the allied yards, and even of the British yards, he declared, to make good the world's losses if given an adequate supply of men and material. In the fourth quarter of 1917 the foreign construction was 612,000 tons, giving a total output of 933,000 tons, while the losses in the same period were 1,200,000 tons, which were the lowest since the intensive submarine war began.

Tells of Britain's Task

Great Britain had lost on the average 260,000 tons monthly during the last quarter of 1917, and had built 130,000 tons monthly, he announced. British shipping had suffered the most he pointed out, but the British had contributed the greatest naval effort of the allies and had sustained the greatest attack, and should not bemoan their scars.

Sir Eric declared that the German statement of the allied shipping losses for January was an exaggeration of 113 per cent. Since he had shown a grossly false picture of the previous month, he added, the German statement had not been issued and was overdue.

His figures on the world's tonnage were reached after deducting lake craft and a considerable amount of small craft. His figures on the tonnage sunk included vessels damaged and ultimately abandoned. The figures on losses included those due both to enemy action and marine risks.

The head of the admiralty emphasized the importance of the gradual withdrawal of men from the army for the shipyards, so that the army should not be impaired and men might be replaced by efficient substitutes. The yards were gradually getting from the army all the skilled and semi-skilled shipyard men, he said, but there was still a considerable deficiency in the requirements of the shipyards which must be filled by newly trained men, by dilution and by grading up.

Output of Repair Work

The output of repair work, continued Sir Eric, had increased in February, 1918, as compared with August, 1917, by 30 per cent; 10 times more naval craft were docked for repairs in the last quarter of last year than in peace times, and more than 800 ships were dealt with in that period. The men so employed might have produced a half-million tons of merchant shipping if they had been engaged in building.

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THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME

HOW THREE MEN MAKE UP AND HANDLE BIG FLEET

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Three men, named by the U. S. shipping board, sit in a little room in New York city with a stack of cablegrams and telegrams in front of them, look at a map of the world, and order the movement of more ships than any body of men in America ever controlled before.

They are P. A. S. Franklin, of the International Mercantile Marine company; Sir Camille Guthrie, a representative here of the British ministry of shipping, and W. L. Raymond, president of the Clyde & Maltby ship lines. They constitute the ship control committee.

It has often been said in criticism of the shipping board that there are few real shipping men on it. The ship control committee is made up of masters of the shipping game, whose first job under the shipping board is so to allocate ships as to help win the war.

Prior to our entry into the war, owing to the scarcity of shipping and the dangers in the submarine zone, prices for charters of ships and for freight on ships had gone out of sight. The average charter rates on ships in the spring of 1914 were about \$1 per deadweight ton per month. For six months in 1917, the average rate was \$20 per ton and the charter of the ship had to bear the risk of loss of the ship. Straight freight rates showed a similar upward trend. Grain which cost 50 cents per quarter from New York to England, before the war, cost, in 1917, \$5.50. Such rates, once we were in the war, seriously crippled our allies, and interfered with the effectiveness of our own commerce. So on October 15 last, the shipping board requisitioned all American-owned steam vessels of 2500 tons or over.

Operation of these is still entrusted in part to the companies by whom they were owned, but all receipts have been for government account, the owners receiving requisition rates fixed by the government. The vessels are, however, under full control of the ship control committee as to voyages, cargoes and rates, and as to safeguards for their protection in the submarine zone. This requisitioning brought about:

First—Complete control of all American shipping, that war needs might be filled in the order of their emergency.

Second—Just and effective regulation of rates, so that the nations at war with Germany may not be financially drained by extortionate transportation charges.

The ship control committee has its fingers, as it were, constantly upon every ship under the flag. If, for instance, the allied war council, sitting

at Versailles, should send word here that unless Italy had 100,000 tons of shipping for the carriage of coal, things would become critical over there, the ship control committee

would at once try to see to it that the 100,000 tons were supplied.

A Concrete Case

The course taken with a requisitioned ship can best be illustrated with a concrete case:

Bill Brown & Co. of Seattle, may own a ship, the Kentucky. She is taken over by the government and put into service on the Atlantic by the ship control committee. Now she may be taken under one of two forms of contract.

If she is taken under the "government war contract," Bill Brown & Co. pay for the wages and provisions of the crew, pay for the engine and deck stores, such things as oil, waste, rope and canvas. The government pays for the bunker coal, the port dues and the cost of loading and un-

loading the ships. The government also pays to Bill Brown & Co. for use of the ship, a fixed sum per deadweight ton. If the ship is over 10,000 tons capacity, the remuneration is \$5.75 per ton; if between 8000 and 10,000 tons capacity, \$6 per ton, running up to \$7 per ton for vessels between 2500 and 3000 tons. The reason for increasing the remuneration as the size of the vessel decreases, is that the cost of the crew is proportionately larger for a small boat than for a big one.

The other form of contract under which Brown & Co.'s boat may be taken is the "bare-boat contract." Under this Brown & Co. furnish nothing but the boat. The government pays \$4.15 per ton on boats up to and including 11 knots an hour and pays

60 cents additional for each knot above 11. After the government has taken over "The Kentucky" from Brown & Co., whose yard is on the Pacific coast, they may turn over the care of the ship to Jones & Co., of Boston. It is up to Jones & Co., working for the government, to look after the ship's sailing, repairs, etc. For this service there is a very quaint old maritime name. Jones & Co. becomes the "ship's husband."

The exact number of ships now under orders of the ship control committee is a war secret. As fast as contract and commandeered ships are completed for the emergency fleet, they will also be turned over to this committee.

Where ships are to be used exclu-

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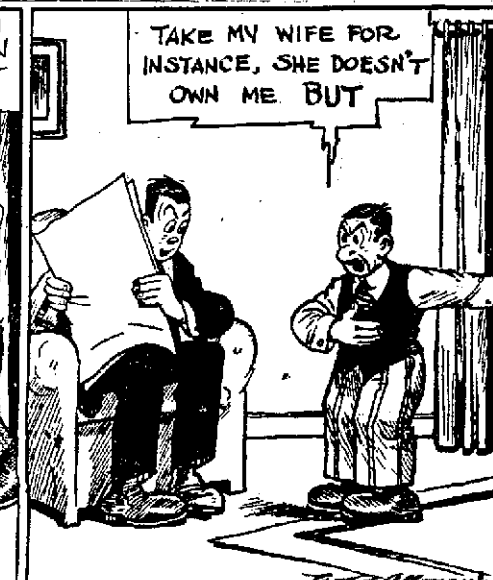
WELL, IF I CAN'T GO OUT TONIGHT I'M GOING TO SMOKE THIS PIPE IN THE HOUSE AND THEY CAN KICK ALL THEY WANT TO

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SAY, TOM, CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AND GOVERNMENT CONTROL?

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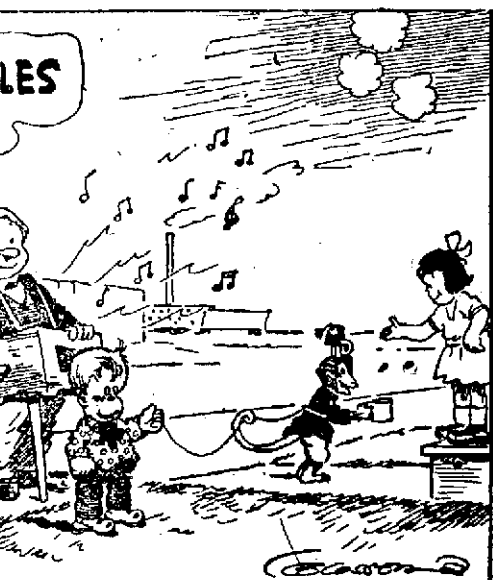
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BRITISH SHELLED WITH THEIR OWN SHELLS.

BOSTON, March 21.—The need of employees and employers working in harmony for the winning of the war, and of making sacrifices to that end, was urged by speakers of the British labor mission at a meeting in the auditorium of the state house yesterday afternoon.

Lieut. Gov. Calvin Coolidge extended the welcome of the commonwealth in the absence of Gov. McCall, and Mayor Andrew J. Peters thanked the visitors for coming in the name of the city.

W. A. Appleton, secretary of the British General Federated Trade union, said in part:

"When I was here 11 years ago I received the favor of the loving courtesy of Gov. Curtis Guild. I felt that in coming to Boston I was perfectly at home, and in its streets, which are said to be irregular, I also felt at home, because of their similarity to some of our streets in England."

To Tell British Mistakes

"We are here at the invitation of the American federation of labor. We feel that it is the duty of our people, the people of this country, to avoid them. In our country we had to organize an army, and then to organize industry to supply the army. Workmen and employers gave way alike in certain points that they had fought over for years."

"Sixteen per cent. of our whole population is now actually in the war. We have had as our duty, to equip them. We have had to help equip others as well. We supplied the Russians, and can you understand our feelings now, when in Flanders we see our own shells thrown back at us on the west front? It is horrible to think that in this war, the fate of so much work of our women and other munition workers, that Germany should gain possession of Russian supplies made by us, and then hurl them back at our troops."

"If the employers in this country could see the problem as we do, they wouldn't wait for the employees to come to them."

"If you saw the conditions of the men in France as I saw them, you would do everything you could to carry out this work speedily, and you would drop all other questions. I saw conditions of sickness and death and suffering. I saw that nothing in industrial life compared in hardship with the work of our troops. It is necessary to share these sacrifices."

"The morale of the troops is splendid. I saw this same spirit among the American troops. When I saw a contingent of them in June, I thought to myself, 'If you have troops like that to send from America, we have no fear as to what may happen in Russia. We must be able to look the boys in the face when they return.'"

"Our need is for military things, but our main need is for ships and food. I couldn't purchase butter at one time for three weeks, and the meat rations were small. England, in spite of her shortages, has sent supplies to other nations."

"They speak of the spring drive of the Germans. We are afraid that they won't make it. Look at the lines now extending in the sector from Neuport to Verdun. We see wonderful possibilities in your troops. Study the section in which they are located and see what a great blow they can deliver. They are not enough of them yet to make that a full possibility, but we are hoping they will get enough."

"See that they are properly trained, so that when the time comes they take advantage of the full movement that will drive the Germans from France. Everywhere we go we feel the spirit of America with America feeling its way slowly, and making the world safe for democracy, for 100 years at least."

7,500,000 in British Army

Mayor Peters said that the words of Mr. Appleton were among the best that he had heard since the beginning of the war. "War," he said, "used to be waged only by soldiers and sailors. Now we must have soldiers and sailors, and also a united people behind them. The city is striving to do its part in helping to make efforts concerted. You gentlemen are helping us to learn how whole nations may respond to their duties."

The next speaker was Joshua Butterworth, representing the Ship Constructors and Shipwrights union. He said in part: "When the war began we had only 250,000 men in the army. Only 125,000 could be used for active service. Now in the field we have an army of 7,500,000, of whom 6,000,000 are volunteers. The first result was a drawing away of men from many industries, including the shipyards. Then, to meet whatever complications should arise, Lloyd George called a conference of shipworkers and employers."

"Both employers and workmen at length saw that when men laid down their working tools and went to war it was their duty to see that the working tools were taken up again. We had to make sacrifices at home."

"We must see that our products are good. Most of them go to our armies to fight with. It becomes the duty of the employer and the employee to meet each other on this point. We will not fail, when other men are laying down their lives in order that we and other nations may live."

Lieut. Gov. Coolidge said: "The war is not to be won with artillery and

munitions alone—it will be won in the workshops. We must do the best we can to ally all differences, to increase our production to the highest point, and to make New England what it has always been, a place 'where there is the best system of production in the world. Massachusetts welcomes you, gentlemen.'"

At the meeting were representatives from many parts of New England, and also delegates and members of organized labor. All speakers were warmly applauded. Members of the committee on public safety, at whose invitation the meeting was held, occupied seats at the raised desks, with the speakers.

WITH THE SOLDIERS AT CAMP DEVENS

CAMP DEVENS, Ayer, March 21.—If it hadn't been that a few hundred curious captives and lieutenants crowded over the wirelines and right onto the battlefield, you would have thought for all the world that something more terrible than training was going on yesterday at Warren field.

The 76th Division let down its first barrage, a curving curtain of trench mortar shells. Under its protection, four platoons of infantrymen scrambled over the trenches, shouted, stole stealthily over the terrain, fell flat, then up and on again, all in well ordered turn.

Until finally a liaison runner came crawling back to the rear line to report that "the German reserve line has been taken and the enemy are assembling for a counter-attack." Then the trench mortars demoralized that counter-attack and started to—when the shells ran out.

If the 76th Division was only where the 26th is, the account of what happened here yesterday would read very gloriously in today's papers under a title like, "The American Army in France."

But it was only a bit of training, the most showy bit we had here, to be sure, and skill training which taught some precious lessons. One trench mortar was hastily aimed and a shell climbed hundreds of feet in the air and fell within a few feet of two infantrymen. If it had been charged instead of a dummy, at least 15 Americans would have been casualties from their own guns.

Again a shell was just going to be dropped into a mortar, when another

threw came plunging out of the gun, so that another accident lesson was taught with a narrow margin of safety.

Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hodges, staff officer and colonels and junior officers from many regiments were there to see just how real would be the demonstration staged by Lieut. Col. Edward Croft and Lieut. Col. C. A. Homey. They had made plans for the demonstration in honor of Capt. J. E. L. Warren of the British army, teaching trench mortar work here and popular indeed among his pupils.

Looked Very Real

It was so real that officers crowded closer and closer to the action, until Col. Croft sent them scurrying to sidelines with a pointed reminder that they were only the gallery.

But the spectacle was a damp and soggy chain matted up with trenches and shellholes. Lifeless on one moment against the doughboys camouflaged against the ground, the next moment a field sprouting soldiers and skyrocketing shells, then a brown sea with waves of muddy uniforms rising and falling.

The lesson yesterday morning, showing all that the division has learned in this particular feature of fighting, seemed to impress the officers by showing how much more there is to learn. They weren't wondering so much why it is that the new army is held back in this country "so long."

Were Doing It Right

Watching the whole demonstration with a quizzical smile was Sergt. Frank Verhulst of the 301st Engineers, who was awarded a French War Cross at three different times, Verdun, the Somme and the Argonne Forest. "Yes, they're doing it right," he mused out loud.

The military police detained a German formerly on a Hamburg-American liner crew held in Boston. It was learned yesterday. The German, said to be a reservist, was applying for work on the new centennial buildings. He was taken to Boston and turned loose.

Capt. Harry Wieder of New York was yesterday transferred from command of Headquarters Troop to command of Co. G, Ammunition Train, leaving Capt. C. A. Shaw McKean of Boston in command of the Divisional Troop.

All field officers of the division staff and regular field officers are to attend a week school of military art, which will be almost a counterpart of the general staff school in France. How to care for a division and its supplies, military geography of the western front and other subjects will be studied.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

"Married via Wireless," which is headlined at the B. F. Keith theatre this week, is the latest of the series of plays we have seen in months. With tiny Queenie Williams in the big part, everything hums along at a wonderful pace. The set is in the position of a show without a weakness. Mullen & Coogan, the nutty twins, push over a lot of good fun, in their very best style. The play is a comedy, but it is a comedy of the highest class. The highest class performer on that instrument ever heard here in connection with vaudeville. The play is a comedy of the highest class. The highest class performer on that instrument ever heard here in connection with vaudeville.

THE STRAND

The story that will appeal to men and women of all ages is "The Belgian," which opened at the Strand today and will continue through the week. The story opens in Belgium just before the terrible mailed fist descends upon the peaceful nation and crushes it. The life of the country. One of the artistic touches with which the picture abounds is the shadow of a cross showing Belgium crushed and the head of the Hun about to trample her under foot. At the showing of the picture at the trade review at the Strand, New York city, the reviews were moved to rise and cheer as the American troops appeared on the screen marching in aid of the Belgians. Valentine Grant and Walker Whitehouse portray the principal roles and the others include Sally Crute, Arda La-Croix and Anders Rudolph.

Tom Mix in "Six Shooter Andy" are other big features. See this bill.

OYSTERS AND CLAMS PLUMP AND CHEAT—PRICE OF FRESH FISH HIGH

BOSTON, March 21.—Wholesale prices for fresh fish remain pretty high in the local market, but light receipts, due to very windy weather outside, rather than a brisk demand, account for this condition. Actually the demand is of rather moderate proportions, and if fish were coming along in anywhere normal quantities for the time of year, it is very doubtful if present prices could hold. People usually tire of cod, haddock and other all-the-year-round varieties at this season, and this year is no exception. But there is not much else in fresh fish that is at all reasonable.

It is too early for the seasonal varieties to be coming in, though arrivals of sand are now fairly regular. This fish, however, is still too costly to be an important factor in the supply. Haddock also are pretty good. Frozen fish are fairly reasonable but the weather is a little too mild for a really good movement. The market is likely to show only moderate activity until there is a greater supply of the so-called fancy varieties. Several sellers are soon expected to start south for mackerel.

Spiced clams have dropped 10c a gallon, but the supply is large; this price is about 25c a gallon above that of the early winter, but it is 50c below the high point reached during the period of extreme shortage when the weather put an embargo on taking and shipping them. Oysters also are plenty and cheap and quahogs and littlenecks are no longer costly. Southern scallops at 2c and 3c.25 a gallon, market has said to be good value for the money, with some bringing \$1.50 and capes at \$5.75. Lobsters are still in the luxury class, selling at \$5c a pound live.

Nova Scotia fishermen are not doing much, because the ice along the shore has not yet broken up, while it also has been very windy. Maine fishermen also have been hampered by the weather, and with few lobsters left in the pounds down there, this market is almost bare of supplies. A sharp break in prices is certain once the receipts begin to expand, for at current prices wants are not big.

Cured and salt fish hold very firm in price, because supplies are tight and hardly sufficient for even a moderate demand.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Another recruiting campaign has been started in Lowell and this time the unit desiring re-inforcements is Co. F of the fifth regiment, Boys'

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the subscriber has been appointed executor of the will of George Perry, late of Chelmsford, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, being required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

FREDERICK S. HARVEY, Executor.

(Address) 323 Hilditch Bldg., Lowell, Mass. February 20, 1918. m21, 28, a4

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court

Respectfully shows Sadie Pickett, of Dracut, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that she was lawfully married to George T. Pickett, late of Chelmsford, in the County of Middlesex, New York, at Boston, Massachusetts, on the tenth day of July, A. D. 1911; that they have since lived together as husband and wife in Boston, aforesaid, New York city aforesaid, and Lowell, County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that your husband was always heavily indebted by his marriage vows and obligations, yet the said George T. Pickett, being wholly regardless of the same, did, on or about the first day of October, A. D. 1914, utterly desert your libellant, which utter desertion has continued from that date to this, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bond of matrimony be granted to her, and that she be allowed to resume the use of her maiden name of Sadie MacDonard, and that she be further awarded and decrees in the premises as to law and justice may appear.

SADIE PICKETT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Superior Court.

March 18, A. D. 1918.

Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of May next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon, be registered in the office of the clerk of said Court, and that the libellant cause to be set out in the libel—that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

FOR SALE

PARK SQUARE GROCERY for sale, 74 West Sixth st. Call 101 Warwick street.

STONE ICE CHEST and showcase for sale. 33 Alken Ave.

LUNCH CART for sale; \$500; \$200 down, \$10 a week, or \$150 cash. Doing good business. Owns leaving city, reason for selling. Write L&S, Sun Office.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—Barred Plymouth Rock and White Rock, P. L. Redd; also Barred Rock cockerels for sale. 120 Bowden st. Tel. 1512-J.

PIANO for sale. Wood upright, \$55; square piano, \$10; parlor organ, \$20. 747 Merrimack st.

WILL SACRIFICE Huntingdon upright piano for cash. Write O-S, Sun Office.

2 NEW UPRIGHT PIANOS for sale cheap at 100cents. 704 Bridge st. Open evenings. Tel. 4191.

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FURNISHED ROOM to let; steam heat, bath and use of telephone; 10 minutes from U. S. Cartridge Co. or Merrimack sq. Tel. 4408-M.

FRONT ROOM, large and square, to let. 100 Bowden st. Tel. 1512-J.

2 FURNISHED ROOMS to let for light housekeeping; gas range, steam heat; 5 minutes' walk from Merrimack Square Theatre. 181 E. Merrimack st. Tel. 4481-M.

TO LET

Stores, offices and rooms, newly finished, suitable for tailoring and dressmaking and general business purposes. Desirable from every view point. Call or address W. E. Guyette, 53 Central St. or C. A. Richardson, Five Cent Savings Bank.

Brigade of America. At a meeting held in the vestry of the first Congregational church on Tuesday night Sept. 10, 1917, the State Guard spoke on the value of military training. The organization is open to boys of all creeds and the only proviso is that they be over 10 years of age. The present officers of the company are: Commander, G. M. Lockhart; captain, C. B. Lockhart; first lieutenant, John Tiffney; second lieutenant, Harold Patton; first sergeant, Leland Wells.

WIGGINVILLE M. E. DRAMATISTS

PRESENT RURAL PLAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A rural play entitled "The Valley Farm" was presented by the Wigginsville M. E. dramatists in the first Presbyterian church last evening. The affair was given under the direction of Mrs. Susanna Wilde and the receipts of the evening, which were very substantial, will be devoted to the church fund. Those who took part in the play were Miss Jennie Catherwood, William Sykes, Mrs. Florence Wilde, Eric Catherwood, Misses Louis and Lillian Catherwood, Ida Fletcher, Hattie Brown, Harry Leavitt, Ralph Wood, John Boutlier

WOMAN wanted for sorting paper. Apply Lowell Paper Stock Co., 85 Tanner st.

GIRL wanted for housework. 8 East Pine st., right door, 6 to 9 evenings.

YOUNG MAN, high school graduate or student, wanted for permanent position; preference will be given recent graduate of high school; reply by letter only, stating age, experience, education and salary expected. Mr. Denison, 139 Walker st.

ORDER COOK wanted, no Sundays. Apply at Rivers' Lunch, Bay State Bldg., Lawrence, Mass.

LADIES—Fascinating home business tinting postcards, pictures, photos, etc., spare time for profit, \$5 on 100; no canvassing; samples 10c (stamp); particulars free. Armit, 703, Station A, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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BARBER wanted at once. Call on W. B. Ready Shop, Associate Bldg. Up one night.

ALL AROUND WOMAN wanted at once in Webster st.

KITCHEN WOMAN wanted at Central Lunch Room, 230 Central st.

PAINTER wanted at once. Apply to A. Muskin, 157 Howard st.

STARCHERS wanted. Apply at once. Middlesex Laundry, 8 Western avenue.

LADY wanted to head cloak and suit department. Do not answer without giving experience, references, age and salary. J. S. Smiley, Box 359, Fitchburg, Mass.

MACHINISTS—Several first class machinists wanted. Apply E. V. Bates Machine Co., 148 Warren st.

BUSHELMAN and coat maker wanted at once. Apply 497 Broadway.

EXPERIENCED GIRLS wanted on rough dress and hat work. Apply Merrimack Laundry, 599 Dutton st.

GLOVE KNITTER wanted; good pay and bonus; power machine. Apply White Mt. Glove Co., 29 Water st., Nashua, N. H.

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RAILWAY MAIL CLERK examinations everywhere April 13; complete special preparation by former government examiner. Write quick for free booklet. J. B. Civil Service School, Rochester, N. Y.

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SALESMAN wanted to sell power and hand back saw blades to factory and supply trade; most prominent and largely advertised blade; war conditions make saws in large demand; for right man, factory selling experience preferred. Address Box N-59.

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QUINN STOVE REPAIR CO., 149 Gorham st. carries in stock, linings, grates, water fronts, and other parts to fit all stoves and ranges. Work promptly attended to. Tel. 4170.

LOST AND FOUND

POCKETBOOK lost Tuesday night in Woodbury st. of an Merrimack st. Reward at 17 Pleasant st. Tel. 444.

STUDENT'S BAG containing boxing outfit on car between Lowell and Woburn. Reward for return to Tommy Fall, 30 West street, Lowell.

HANDBAG containing money and articles found. Apply 49 So. Whipple street.

SUM OF MONEY lost March 18, between Prince's and Merrimack sq. Reward if returned to John F. Lane, 23 Claire st.

POCKETBOOK lost Saturday, near Union Market. Reward at 23 Lee st.

WHISKY WATCH, Elgin, lost Monday between South and Central streets. Reward if returned to 33 Madison st.

PINK CAMO pin lost down town. Liberal reward if returned to Mrs. C. H. Hanson, 8 Belmont st.

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TWO 344 AUTO TIRES, late lamp and number plate, Mass. 7525, lost. Arthur Birch, Arlington Heights, Mass.

WANTED

ICE CREAM TABLES and chairs wanted; also cash register, at 104

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DON L. OVERLOCK HONORED

Don L. Overlock is about to go to war. The gray expanses of sea and horizon will soon be the scene of his activities and there may come days and hours when he will be lonesome and heartsick and longing for the more stable and familiar daily background of life in Lowell. Perhaps the large number of his friends who gathered at the Central club last evening had sufficient vision to anticipate that just such feelings would cast their irksome burden on Mr. Overlock when he had undertaken his sea-faring career, and in order to mitigate and soften it to a slight degree, at least, they expressed to him materially and spiritually, just what they thought of him as a comrade, a man and a volunteer to serve in a climatic period of world events.

Mr. Overlock a few days ago successfully passed the examinations for the naval reserve at the local station, was forwarded to Boston for a final test and then returned home to await orders to go to training. He will leave Lowell within a short time and will receive his initial experience as a seaman either at Pelham Bay, N. Y., or Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Overlock has been local organizer for the Printing Pressmen union and has been employed by the Courier-Citizen Co. as a printer. Besides these

every-day sort of connections, he has been prominently identified with numerous fraternal and social organizations including the Elks and the Central club. The latter organization decided that the Lowell man should not leave the city without receiving and experiencing the kind of sendoff which Lowell has been giving her worthy sons since the sixth of last April.

Without the slightest reflection, it may be openly stated that the quarters of the Central club do not approach in size those of the Metropolitan Art museum or Madison Square garden; perhaps not even our own Associate hall. In other words, they are meagre. This fact was duly emphasized last evening when between 300 and 400 friends of Mr. Overlock attempted—and succeeded in—showing the new member of the fleet just what they thought of him. Some humorist in the crowd cried, "Who says Lowell doesn't speak a public hall?" and said humorist spoke more truth than poetry.

Although the affair was intrinsically a send-off for Mr. Overlock, the Central club disguised it somewhat by calling



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it an open house for members and their friends. In the course of the evening a conversion was brought about and it became an open house for Don L. and his friends. Activities began at 8 o'clock when Hibbard's orchestra swung into a medley overture and then the good Harry Pitts called the gathering to order and the first number on the evening's schedule was a banquet. A real banquet, with all the perquisites of such affairs and with abundant good cheer and merriment. After steady work the banqueters began to see visions of Mr. Overlock's smiling face and threatening them with immediate starvation unless they "let up." Conscience stricken as they were, they considered "letting up" the better part of discretion and from then on the evening's spotlight centered on Mr. Overlock, seaman.

There was talent galore to entertain in a high-toned manner. Such a policeman as Walter Davis, the Honey Boy Four, James Kennedy and five of the acts at Keith's this week, took their turn in standing guard against the entrance of any soubrette notes in the program of pleasure and for a while they succeeded. But eventually there came the time when the more serious spiritual phase of the affair, came around. As a preliminary indication, Lawyer Daniel J. Donahue presented a long array of tokens from various friends. They included a B.P.O.E. diamond-studded ring from the employees of the Courier-Citizen, a chain of money from the Clearing-Citizen Co., a wrist watch from the Cement club of Belvidere, a pipe from the boys of the Shaw Hosiery chapel and other gifts.

Then Mr. Donahue paused a moment, turned to the faces that a moment ago had been radiant but were now assuming a more serious mien, and then turned to Mr. Overlock and spoke as follows:

"This occasion is one of joy and regret. Joy because this little piece of heaven called friendship has come to earth and is burning in each of our hearts. Tonight joy comes in bidding Godspeed to one who possesses a treasure more priceless than lands and money—a host of true friends. These tokens of regard and love and esteem come from friends who have labored with him day in and day out and realize his worth as a man.

"While the nations are calling, he has heard the clarion note that inspires patriotic breasts to do and dare and he has responded to his country's call. May these few tokens be silent reminders of the friends that wish him speed and a safe return to his home and have ceased their shrieking, when the sword has been sheathed, when the cause of the people shall have won and the grim spectre of war passed, when right prevails and peace remains, then it is the hope in all our hearts that the son whom we honor tonight as well as the hosts of other sons will return safely home.

The affair lasted until midnight, and about 10:30 Hibbard's orchestra, which had been doing valiant duty for a great part of the evening was augmented by the Strand Symphony orchestra and as the midnight hours quietly blended with those of early morning, the honored and honored made their way home. It was but a typical war scene in Lowell.

U.S. FLAG ON DUTCH SHIPS

77 Vessels Seized by Order of Pres. Wilson — Armed Naval Guards Take Charge

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Seventy-seven Dutch ships in American ports, aggregating about 600,000 tons, were flying the American flag today as a result of President Wilson's proclamation last night requisitioning Dutch tonnage in accordance with the British-American shipping agreement. At the same time Great Britain took over Dutch vessels in British waters and 400,000 more tons were put into allied service.

Armed naval guards were aboard the vessels in American waters today and the ships will be operated by the navy department and the shipping board. Dutch crews being supplemented by American civilian sailors and naval reservists. Compensation will be made to the owners.

PRES. WILSON'S STATEMENT
President Wilson last night authorized the following statement:
"For some months the United States and the entente allies have been conducting negotiations with the Dutch government with the object of concluding a general commercial agreement."

"A very clear statement of the character of these negotiations was made March 12 to the Dutch parliament by his excellency the minister of foreign affairs of Holland."

Holland to Receive Food
"As appears from the statement, the discussion proceeded on the basis of two fundamental provisions, namely, that the United States and the allies should facilitate the importation into Holland of foodstuffs and other commodities required to maintain her economic life, and that Holland should restore her merchant marine to a normal condition of activity."

"It was the task of the negotiators to develop a specific application of these propositions, which would be acceptable to the governments concerned. Early in January, 1918, the negotiators came to an understanding which was embodied in a tentative agreement which was submitted to the governments concerned in order that, if acceptable, it might be ratified, or, if unacceptable, a counter-proposal might be made."

"The negotiations becoming prolonged, the Dutch delegates proposed, in order that their ships might sooner be put into remunerative service, that Dutch tonnage lying idle in American waters should, with certain exceptions, be immediately chartered to the United States for periods not exceeding 30 days."

Planned to Aid Switzerland
"This proposal was accepted by the United States government and Jan. 25, 1918, the Dutch minister at Washington handed to the secretary of state a note expressing the terms of the temporary chartering agreement and his government's acceptance thereof."

"This agreement provided, among other things, that 150,000 tons of Dutch shipping should, at the discretion of the United States, be employed partly in the service of Belgium and partly for Switzerland on safe conduct to Cotee France and that for each ship sent to Holland in the service of Belgium relief a corresponding vessel should leave Holland for the United States."

"Two Dutch ships in the United States ports with cargoes of foodstuffs were to proceed to Holland, similar tonnage being sent in exchange from Holland to the United States for charter, as in the case of other Dutch ships lying in the United States ports."

"The agreement was explicitly temporary in character and being designed to meet an immediate situation, prompt performance was necessary. The Dutch government at once disclosed, however, that it was unwilling or unable to carry out this chartering agreement, which it had itself proposed."

"The first desire of the United States was to secure at once shipping, as contemplated by the agreement, to transport to Switzerland foodstuffs much needed by the state. One difficulty after another was, however, raised to postpone the chartering of Dutch ships for Swiss relief, and, although the reason was never formally expressed, it was generally known that the Dutch shipowners feared lest their ships should be destroyed by German submarines even though on an errand of mercy and though not traversing any of the so-called 'danger zones' proclaimed by the German government. That this fear was not wholly unjustified has unhappily been shown by the recent act of the German government in sinking the Spanish ship Sardinero outside the danger zone when carrying a cargo of grain for Switzerland, and after the submarine commander had ascertained this fact by an inspection of the ship's papers."

Germany Threatens Holland
"In respect of Belgian relief, the Dutch government expressed its present inability to comply with the agreement on the ground that the German government had given Holland to understand that it would forcibly prevent the departure from Holland of the corresponding ships, which, under the agreement, were to leave coincidentally for the United States."

"The Dutch government even felt itself unable to secure the two cargoes of foodstuffs, which, under the agreement, it was permitted to secure, since

here again the German government intervened and threatened to destroy the equivalent of Dutch tonnage, which, under the agreement, was to leave Holland for the United States."

"Nearly two months have elapsed since the making of the temporary chartering agreement, and the proposed general agreement has lain even longer without reply on the part of Holland. Meanwhile, German threats have grown more violent, with a view to preventing any permanent agreement and of forcing Holland to violate any temporary agreement."

"March 7, through Great Britain, a final proposal, expiring on the 15th, was submitted to Holland. A reply has been received which, while in itself unacceptable, might, under other conditions, have served as a basis for further negotiations."

Considers Holland Powerless
"But the events to which I have alluded, had served to demonstrate conclusively that we have been attempting to negotiate where the essential basis for an agreement, namely, the meeting of free wills, is absent. Even were an agreement concluded, there is lacking that power of independent action which alone can assure performance."

"I say this not in criticism of the Dutch government, but profoundly sympathizing with the difficulty of her position under the menace of a military power, which has in every way demonstrated its disdain of neutral rights. But since coercion does in fact exist, no alternative is left to us but to accomplish, through the exercise of our indisputable right as a sovereign, that which is so reasonable that, in other circumstances, we could be confident of accomplishing it by agreement."

"Steps are accordingly being taken to put into our service Dutch shipping lying within our territorial jurisdiction. This action on our part and the similar action which is being taken by governments associated with us leaves to Holland ample tonnage for her domestic and colonial needs. We have informed the Dutch government that her colonial trade will be facilitated and that she may at once send ships from Holland to secure the bread cereals which her people require."

New Amsterdam Released
"These ships will be freely bunkered and will be immune from detention on our part. The liner New Amsterdam, which came within our jurisdiction under an agreement for her return, will, of course, be permitted at once to return to Holland. Not only so, but she will be authorized to carry back with her the two cargoes of foodstuffs which Holland would have secured under the temporary chartering agreement had not Germany prevented."

"Adequate compensation will be paid to the Dutch owners of the ships which will be put into our service, and suitable provision will be made to meet the possibility of ships being lost through enemy action."

"It is our earnest desire to safeguard to the fullest extent the interests of Holland and of her nationals. By exercising in this crisis our admitted right to control all property within our territory, we do no wrong to Holland. The manner in which we proposed to exercise this right and our proposals made to Holland concurrently therewith cannot, I believe, fail to conduce to Holland the sincerity of our friendship toward her."

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

LOWELL MAN NAMED

E. A. Wilson Officer of Coal Dealers' Association

SPRINGFIELD, March 21.—Nearly 500 fuel men were in attendance at the annual session of the annual convention of the New England Coal Dealers' association here. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. A. Clark, Northampton; vice presidents, Lyman K. Lee, Foxcroft, Me.; N. A. Osgood, Nashua, N. H.; N. E. Pierce, Burlington, Vt.; E. A. Wilson, Lowell; George E. Shaw, Pawtucket, R. I.; J. McCusker, New Haven, Conn.; secretary, C. R. Elder, Amherst; treasurer, George A. Sheldon, Springfield, executive secretary, J. C. Hart, Boston.

James J. Storrow of Boston, New England fuel administrator, addressed the convention.

METHODIST SOCIAL UNION

Dr. Charles E. Guthrie of Chicago was the speaker at the third meeting of the Lowell Methodist Social Union, which he held last evening at the Central M. E. church. Dr. Guthrie is acting secretary of the Epworth League and his address was on the great movements of the Methodist Episcopal church. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Dr. George E. Pickard.

WARM WEATHER HAS STARTED

THE ICE BREAKING IN THE MERRIMACK RIVER

The ice on the Merrimack river has started to break up and if the weather continues for a few days it is expected that huge ice floes will arm down the river from the north. The warm weather of yesterday started the ice breaking in the vicinity of the Pawtucket dam.

More ice got loose this morning and at noon large cakes were being over a foot thick, passed through the northern canal. Up to the present time no damage has been done in this vicinity, but unless the ice breaks up gradually it may cause considerable trouble as well as damage along the shores.

Several of the engineers of the Locks and Canals Co. took a trip up as far as Thornton's Ferry on the Merrimack river, this morning, to ascertain the condition of the ice.

OLD MANN SCHOOL INSURED ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE THE RECENT FIRE

The city officials are congratulating themselves over the fact that the Mann school, which was badly damaged by fire a couple of days ago, was insured. It was learned this morning that no insurance had been carried on the building for a number of years, or practically since the school sessions were discontinued there. About a month ago, Commissioner Warnock thought it advisable to have the building insured, and accordingly he took out a \$10,000 policy.

LOWELL MEN OPPOSE WATERWAYS BILL

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 21.—Attorney Frank E. Dunbar and Engineer Safford, representing the Locks & Canals company, appeared before the legislative committee on administration and communications yesterday and registered strenuous opposition to the bill presented by the commission on waterways and public lands, which provides in effect that the commission may seize any water power in the Commonwealth which, in their opinion, is not being utilized to its fullest possibilities.

They told the committee that they were opposed to the legislation for several reasons, among them being that it is unconstitutional; that it places too much power in the hands of three men, without review by the courts; that its scope is far too broad and its provisions too drastic; and finally, that it contains no provision for compensating the owners of any property which the commission may seize.

Safford stated that the bill is entirely unnecessary so far as conditions in the Merrimack valley are concerned, because the Locks and Canals company at Lowell and the Essex company at Lawrence have developed the water power there to the fullest possible extent.

It was stated that Mr. Dunbar has collaborated with attorneys for other water power companies in preparing a new bill, which they presented, and in order that Chairman John N. Cole of the waterways commission might have an opportunity to study it, further consideration of the matter was continued until next Monday.

Colburn Will Draft Bill

In executive session yesterday the committee on agriculture and administration and commissions appointed a sub-committee to prepare and present to the full committee a bill to reorganize the state board of agriculture. The sub-committee consists of Senator Colburn of Braintree and Hobbs of Worcester, and Representatives Smith of Boston, Tarbell of Brookfield, Adams of Stockbridge and Marsh of Springfield.

For several years the state board of agriculture has been the target for most of the "efficiency experts" who have studied the system of administration in vogue in state, the criticism of the board generally being that nearly all of its members are chosen by the agricultural societies of the state, each approved society electing one member of the board. It has been felt for a long time that this method of selection does not guarantee that degree of public spirit which should dominate members of a board of such importance, and now it is apparent that a new method of selection is to be proposed.

Big Money in "Tips"

Declaring that a single hotel in Boston realized more than \$15,000 from the checking of clothing, Rep. Francis P. McKee of Worcester led in the house yesterday afternoon a successful fight for the passage of a bill which provides that a fine of not less than \$50 may be imposed upon any employer who compels an employee to surrender the "tips" received from patrons.

It was stated that most of the hotels have rented the checking privilege to a syndicate of Greeks, and that the hotel in question was sought by the syndicate and offered \$5000 for its checking privilege. The offer was turned down, the hotel keeper stating that during the previous year he had collected \$15,000 from the coat girls. These girls, incidentally, are paid the magnificent salary of \$8 per week, and retain none of the gratuities given them by kind-hearted patrons.

Sunday Baseball Bill

The Sunday baseball bill was again fought over and was given a final reading by a vote of 163 to 58. It will now go to the senate, where another battle is awaiting it.

By a vote of 91 to 40, the house referred to the next general court the bill providing that in the five western counties the open season on ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits shall begin on Oct. 12, and continue for one month. This would leave the season in the other counties just as it is now—the month of November, and would give migratory hunters a seven weeks' open season, with consequent depletion of the birds. Reps. Collins of Edgartown and Dean and Malone of Worcester fought valiantly for the bill, but the real bird lovers were too many for them.

Explains His Letter

Rep. Carlton W. Wanson of Gloucester appeared before the rules committee to explain his letter, recently printed in a Boston paper, in which he severely arraigned the legislature, its members and their practices. He stated that the letter was written at a time when he was in a much-disturbed state of mind, because of the rejection by the house of the only matter in which his district was vitally interested, and that he perhaps wrote some things which under other circumstances he might not have written. Asked if he still believed his charges to be true, however, he replied—"Substantially, yes." If he had discovered them at that point the matter would probably have been dropped, but the committee has now decided that he must prove them or retract. He will be given another hearing next Tuesday. HOYT.

The local evening newspaper is the paper that reaches the home when the whole family is there to read it. The Sun fills this field in Lowell.

PEEL OFF CALLOSES WITH THE FINGERS

"Hard skin" or callosities on the soles or the bottom of the feet peel right off without pain or soreness, after you apply a little Freezone, says a Cincinnati authority. This other drug loosens the dead callosities so that they peel off with the fingers.

A quarter ounce of Freezone costs but a few cents at any pharmacy, but is sufficient to remove every corn or callus from one's feet. This is the only way to free the feet from corns and calluses without soreness, danger or infection. After the corn or callus is lifted away the skin beneath is pink and healthy, and not sore, tender or even irritated.

CITY SEALER TO ASSIST FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Hon. Edward Fisher, local food administrator, has appointed Warren P. Riordan, sealer of weights and measures, as an assistant to the local administration to aid in the enforcement of food laws. Mr. Fisher makes known this appointment in the following communication:

"Warren P. Riordan has been appointed to aid in the administration and enforcement of the food laws and regulations. His duties will be to take charge of the licensing of dealers and the distribution and control of the food-stuffs, so called. This is a very important duty and the city is fortunate in securing Mr. Riordan to assist in this work."

"Complaints are being made that some dealers are continuing in the practice of making 'combination sales,' that is, requiring customers to make other purchases in order to secure sugar. Such sales are in violation of the food laws and regulations and if any such sales are being made the same should be discontinued at once. Any person having knowledge of any such violation of the food laws, including the charging of excessive prices for food products, should give notice at once either to Mr. Riordan at his office of sealer of weights and measures, city hall, between 3 a. m. and 12 m., or Edward Fisher at his office in the Sun building. Complaints free from blarney. Be sure you get should be made in person or in writing genuine delatone."

General Pershing Said:

"Tell them back home that the boys here have the true fighting spirit, and the way to keep it alive is for every man and woman back home to feel it, too. If they know a united America is behind them, then nothing in the world can beat them."

Yes! We will let them know that we are a united America! We will show it and prove our loyalty.

When Lowell has every man, woman, boy and girl signed up in the Lowell Branch of the U. S. Public Service Reserve, we can surely say we have united with one common purpose to do our bit—united in doing our bit.

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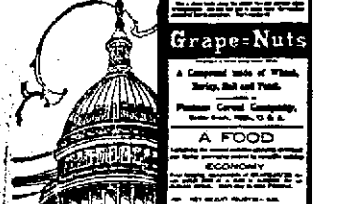
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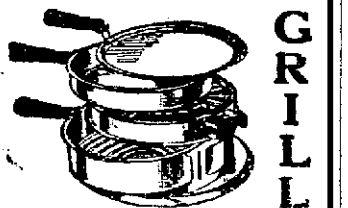
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American Troops in Hand to Hand Battle 11 Million Tons of Ships Sunk by Germans

OVER 11 MILLION TONS OF SHIPS LOST IN WAR

Secret Figures of British Admiralty on the Submarine Losses and World Shipbuilding Made Public

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secret figures of the British admiralty on submarine losses and world shipbuilding were made public here today by the British embassy. They show that from both enemy action and marine risk on Jan. 1, 1918, allied and neutral shipping had lost since the war began 11,827,372 gross tons, while shipyards of the central powers were turning out 6,606,275 tons.

Appeal to Speed Up Work
These figures, long withheld, are now made public, an admiralty memorandum on page five

IDEAL WEATHER FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Today was the first day of spring, according to that honest-to-goodness authority—the calendar—and also to that equally trustworthy chronometer of the passing seasons—the weather. The passing of Old Man Winter this year is about the happiest and most gleeful occasion which Lowell people have been privileged to witness. The heavy visitor made a most unwelcome stay this year and his departure caused not the slightest modicum of sorrow.

The first day of spring, 1918, was an ideal one. The thermometer was well above the 50 line all day, and at no time did it descend to very chilling depths. Many palms of gloves were cast into overcoat pockets with the nonchalant abandon that is a sure sign that the season of robins and trailing arbutus is at hand. And for the first time since the historic day of last September and October, heavy overcoats seemed oppressive.

Music of the Harbingers
Fort Hill park was the scene of a very entertaining and symphonic concert today when a company of robin choristers gave their first spring recital in the 1918 concert season.

The audience was not as large as the excellence of the program merited, but those who were present were treated to a most enjoyable musical session. The company included a large number of high grade soloists and the chorus was at all times in the closest harmony.

In conjunction with the concert a reception to Miss Spring, 1918, the season's latest debutante, was held, and the musical program carried out by the feathered artists was wholly in keeping with the ideal setting which nature provided for the young lady's "breaking in."

RED CROSS MISSION FROM JASSEY AT MOSCOW

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The American Red Cross mission to Rumania which fled from Jassy to Odessa to escape the advancing German armies, has arrived safely at Moscow, according to advices received here today at Red Cross headquarters. The party, headed by Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., consists of 28 members, mostly physicians and nurses.

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BRITISH ADVANCE IN PALESTINE
LONDON, March 21.—The British have made another advance in Palestine, capturing three towns. It is announced officially. A counter-attack by the Turks was repulsed.
SAVES OLD GLORY
Fireman Climbs 20-Foot Pole at Pittsfield Fire
PITTSFIELD, March 21.—Turn Verdin hall, a three-story wooden building, was burned early today at a loss of about \$10,000. Fire Capt. Donald MacDonald climbed a 20-foot flagpole and saved the American flag as the flames burst through the roof of the building.

STRIKE HARD AND SHOOT STRAIGHT

Sec. Baker Addresses First Division U. S. Force to Arrive in France

Pays Tribute to New England Troops—Sees Spirit of "Fight to the End"

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 20. (By the Associated Press).—The first division of the American expeditionary force to arrive in France was addressed by Secretary of War Baker today. The secretary said: "If I had any advice to give it is to strike hard and shoot straight, and I would warn you at the same time against any carelessness, any surrender to curiosity which makes you a mark needlessly. 'On every hand I am told that you are prepared 'to fight to the end' and I see this spirit in your faces. Depend upon us at home to stand by you in a spirit worthy of you."

Praises N. E. Soldiers
"Another early arrival among the divisions was that from New England. From the day of my arrival in France I have been hearing the praise of the New England division which has made good in its initial experience in the trenches in a manner to guarantee it will be equal to future emergencies."

In the course of his address today to the first troops of the American expeditionary force to arrive in France, Secretary of War Baker said, with reference to New England troops now in France:

"Some of the men in this division are probably descended from the Minute Men of the Revolution or Allen's mountaineers, while others are sons of soldiers who went to the Civil war from New England. Those fathers who came to the United States since the Civil war have had opportunity to prove that their Americanism is of the same quality as that of the descendants of the

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WILSON SIGNS RAILROAD BILL

WASHINGTON, March 21.—President Wilson today signed the bill bringing railroads under government operation and control until 21 months after the end of the war.

PROF. NEARING INDICTED ON SPY CHARGE

NEW YORK, March 21.—Prof. Scott Nearing, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania and of Toledo university, was indicted today by the federal grand jury on the charge of violating the espionage act.

The American Socialist society, with which he is connected, was indicted on the same charge, both being accused of distributing a pamphlet entitled "The Great Massacre."

Nearing's arraignment was set for late today. Morris Hillquit, socialist leader, is his counsel.

Nearing has been active as a publicist opposed to the war and a peace advocate for more than a year. He resigned from the chair of economics at Toledo university in March, 1917, because, he complained, his work was being interfered with by persons who favored war between the United States and Germany.

When the people's council, a so-called pacifist organization, was formed in Chicago last September, he was made a member of the executive committee. A few days later his Toledo home was raided by federal agents in search of literature denouncing conscription.

If you want to buy, sell or exchange anything, try a Sun want ad.

FOUR KILLED ON U.S. DESTROYER

Many Injured In Collision of United States and British Warships

Depth Charge On U. S. Destroyer Exploded When Vessels Met

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—One American officer and three men were killed aboard an American destroyer March 19 when the vessel collided with a British warship, the navy department announced today. A number of American sailors were injured. The destroyer was the Manley. A depth charge on the Manley exploded when the vessels met. Both vessels were damaged. Lieut. Commander Richard McCall Elliott, Jr., was killed. His wife lives at 981 Park avenue, New York. The enlisted men killed were: Cecil Hall, Charleston, W. Va.; Boatwain's Mate Lewis Cohen, New York city.

Water Tender Charles Magon, 26 Merrick street, West Springfield, Mass. The following were slightly injured: Ralph H. Christie, yeoman, 25 North street, Calais, Me.

John D. Mercer, fireman, Varnado, La. Edward Henry Peters, seaman, 48 Lawrence street, New Haven, Conn. Joseph P. Gumm, fireman, South Minneapolis, Minn.

The following enlisted men were seriously injured: Edward Chester Landwehr, electrician, Elizabeth, N. J.

Charles Pierce, engine man, Lake Crystal, Minn. Fred Richard Lawson, engineer, Orange, N. J.

Clarence M. Dechenne, fireman, Joplin, Mo. Carl Cecil Russell, seaman, Stockton, Calif.

Richard S. Gallmann, seaman, Troth, S. C. Albert Wallace Geell, fireman, St. Louis, Mo.

WOOD AND BELL BACK IN U.S.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 21.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and Maj. J. Franklin Bell, commanders respectively of the 58th and 77th divisions of the national army arrived here today from France on a French steamship.

Gen. Wood went abroad last December to study war problems at first hand. Late in January while he, with 20 or 30 other French and American officers, was watching the firing from a trench mortar in a training camp, a shell exploded, killing some of the men with him and wounding others. A fragment of shrapnel struck him in one arm which was ripped open from elbow to armpit. It was only a few weeks ago that he left a hospital after convalescing from this wound.

Gen. Bell also arrived in France in December and has been visiting the battlefield and training camps.

On the same ship was Count Charles de Chambrun, who has come to America to serve as counselor of the French embassy, a position which he held about 15 years ago. He is a direct descendant of Lafayette and a brother of Marquis de Chambrun, who was a member of the French mission which Marshal Joffre headed in this country.

Maj. Gen. Wood said he had fully recovered from his wound. He refused to discuss conditions on the American front. Maj. Gen. Bell also declined to talk on the subject other than to say that "the American troops are in splendid condition."

TO PLACE MILWAUKEE UNDER MILITARY LAW
MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 21.—Wheeler E. Bloodgood, chairman of the Milwaukee county council of defense, told reporters today that he had papers drawn up to seek the indictment of Mayor Daniel Hoan, socialist, just re-nominated; that Hoan's re-election as mayor being practically assured, he, Bloodgood, would seek to have Milwaukee placed under military law.

Four German Warships Sunk by Allies in Naval Battle

Germans Begin Heavy Bombardment on British Front—Cannonading Heard at Dover, Eng.—Americans Again Raid German Lines

YANKS IN HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE AT LUNEVILLE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 20. (By The Associated Press).—American troops in the sector east of Luneville participated tonight in a raid on German trenches, penetrating the enemy lines for some distance. Hand to hand fighting ensued. The raiders returned to the American lines after about forty minutes. Further details are unavailable at this hour, (10 p. m.).

The raid was carried out in conjunction with French troops, after a brief but intense barrage. The Germans retaliated with a heavy fire of gas and high explosive shells on the American batteries.

COST OF WAR IN GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, March 20.—A war credit of 15,000,000,000 marks was brought before the reichstag today for first reading. Count von Roedern, secretary of the imperial treasury, said Germany's monthly war costs had increased from 2,000,000,000 marks in the winter of 1915-16 to 3,750,000,000 in the last five months, owing to the increased supply of necessities of war. He gave the total cost of the war as 550,000,000,000 marks, of which he said the entente had expended 370,000,000,000.

Germany's military successes, he said, had silenced the guns in the east and the full power of the nation was now directed against the west. Germany's enemies did not desire to hear anything about peace, he asserted, adding that she could not lose vanquished by the catchwords of Clemenceau and Bonar Law. He continued: "It is easy for President Wilson to thunder against so-called militarism. From the east and west his country is protected by oceans. His country is the strongest on the American continent and has no dangerous neighbors, as have the central powers which are in the heart of Europe, surrounded by formidable military powers."

The credit passed both first and second reading without debate.

FUNERAL OF FREDERICK AYER WAS HELD TODAY—BURIAL IN LOWELL CEMETERY

The funeral of Frederick Ayer, millionaire, pioneer in the proprietary medicine field, one of the organizers of the American Woolen Co. and for many years a leading figure in big industrial achievements, who died at his winter home in Thomaston, Ga. last Thursday, took place this noon from his Boston home, 395 Commonwealth avenue. Mrs. Ayer, who is not in good health, was not present at the service for she was obliged to remain in the south.

The service was conducted at 12 o'clock and was attended by relatives and friends as well as by representatives of the J. C. Ayer Co., the American Woolen Co. and other important business concerns with which deceased was connected. At the close of the service the body was placed in an automobile hearse and the automobile cortege came to Lowell arriving here at 3 o'clock. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery, where committal services were held, the local plant of the J. C. Ayer Co. being represented at the grave by Dr. C. H. Stowell, treasurer of the company.

GERMAN BOMBARDMENT HEAVIEST OF WAR

LONDON, March 21.—The Germans shortly before dawn this morning began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front, it is announced officially.

The statement follows: "A heavy bombardment was opened by the enemy before dawn this morning against our whole front from the neighborhood of Vendoult, south of St. Quentin, to the River Scarpe."

"A successful raid was carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of St. Quentin. Thirteen prisoners and three machine guns were brought back by our troops. Prisoners also were taken by us in patrol encounters southeast of Messines and in another successful raid carried out by us south of Houtholst forest."

"A raid undertaken by the enemy in the neighborhood of Armentieres was repulsed."

Bombardment Continues
BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 21. (By The Associated Press, 11 a. m.).—A heavy bombardment by the enemy of the front from a short distance below the Scarpe river to the British right flank— from east of Arras to the region of La Perce—was begun at 5 o'clock this morning and was continuing at the latest report. At the same hour, the Germans began a display of artillery activity in the Messines sector. At 4 o'clock they began a bombardment with gas shells along the Fleurbaix-Armentieres sector.

It may be merely coincidence that a German prisoner stated recently that an enemy offensive was to begin March 20 or 21. Numerous other dates also have been given. At any rate, no infantry action has been reported at the time of filing this despatch.

For several days it has been indicated that the Germans have completed all their plans and are ready to begin operations if this be within the scope of their program.

The sky was heavily overcast this morning. Observation from airplanes was extremely difficult.

Firing Heard at Dover

LONDON, March 21.—The artillery action on the western front could be distinctly heard at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England. The doors and windows of houses at Dover were continuously shaken by the concussions.

The firing, which was the heaviest that had been heard in this district from such a distance, began at three o'clock this morning and lasted at brief intervals until 7 a. m.

At Ramsgate, besides the sound of the cannonading, bright flashes were seen at sea, while the vibration of the explosions shook the windows and dislodged tiles from the roofs.

Paris Reports Big Attack

PARIS, March 21.—There has been an intense and sustained bombardment of the sectors north and southeast of Rheims as well as on the Champagne front, the war office announced today. "Our bombarding squadrons yesterday and today, operating as freely by day as by night threw down 13,000 kilograms (28,600 pounds) of projectiles on military establishments, aviation grounds and railway stations in the enemy zone. Several explosions and two fires were observed in buildings bombarded."

BRITISH AND FRENCH WIN NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

LONDON, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers, the admiralty announces. One British destroyer was damaged.

The engagement occurred off Dunkirk this morning. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties.

"Vice Admiral Douet reports that an action occurred off Dunkirk between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. Two British and three French destroyers were engaged with a force of German destroyers which had previously bombarded Dunkirk for ten minutes. Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats are believed to have been sunk. Survivors have been picked up from two enemy torpedo boats.

"No allied vessels were sunk. One British destroyer was damaged but reached harbor. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties."

were driven back in violent hand to hand fighting.

In Lorraine the Germans suffered a complete defeat in the region of Nancy, sustaining heavy losses without attaining any success.

Berlin Reports Attack

BERLIN, March 21, via London.—The artillery battle began again in full force along broad stretches of the western battle fronts this morning, army headquarters announced today.

Austrians Fighting British

VIENNA, March 21. (British admiralty per Wireless Press).—Austro-Hungarian artillery has taken part in the fight against the English and French on the western front, it is announced in today's war office statement.

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At the Boat House
MINER & DOYLE'S ORCH.
Admission 25 Cents

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is near at hand. "As we sow, so shall we reap." Plant a few dollars each week and the harvest will be abundant.
Dollars planted now will yield coal, flour, sugar and clothing next winter. A garden plot for your dollars, with a sure harvest, awaits you here.
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LADIES, 15c. GENTS, 25c

LOWELL TO GET \$10,500 WORTH OF SUGAR

Saunders' market has made a big hit in securing a large shipment of sugar. The investment represents \$10,521.39 and a total of about 165 barrels of sugar. The purchase was made at New Orleans and shows the enterprise of Saunders' market in meeting the needs of the people of Lowell.

But the Massachusetts sugar distribution committee of Boston has stepped in and arranged that the Saunders' market will turn over one-half of this amount at cost to the other dealers of the city so that for a time at least the shortage of sugar in Lowell will be broken.

The first consignment of 53,200 pounds was shipped from New Orleans on Feb. 27 and the second of 50,000 pounds on March 12. The other half will be sold in small lots at the market on Gorham street. In this enterprise the management of Saunders' market has rendered a real service to the Lowell public.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS COMMEND FIREMEN

The general manager of the Boston & Maine railroad and the general agent in Lowell have sent letters of appreciation to Mayor Perry D. Thompson for the efficient work of the local fire department in saving the railroad bridge from destruction at the recent Cady box shop fire in Western avenue, and also for the great help rendered the railroad in quickly resuming traffic after the fire. Copies of the letters, which follow, were sent by the mayor to Chief Saunders of the fire department.

Boston & Maine Railroad, Boston, Mass., March 19, 1918. Hon. Perry D. Thompson, Mayor, Lowell, Mass.

Our Mr. H. H. Hilton of your city has informed us of the splendid work of your firemen yesterday in looking after our bridge in connection with the fire at the Cady buildings, and we desire at this time to thank you and through you, Chief Saunders and the members of the fire department for their services.

At this particular time it would have been a serious matter if this bridge had been destroyed. The courtesy of Chief Saunders in instructing his men to remove the hose from the track so that trains might proceed is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
B. R. WALLACE, General Manager.

Agent Brown's Letter
Boston & Maine Railroad, Lowell, Mass., March 20, 1918. Hon. Perry D. Thompson, Lowell, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Thompson: This will acknowledge my appreciation of your efforts in assisting me in obtaining the use of our south bound main track Monday, the 18th, at the time of the serious fire at the Cady box shop.

I wish you would express to Chief Saunders of the fire department my gratitude for his efforts in this direction.

I assure you the co-operation of the city of Lowell through its representatives is highly esteemed and at any time should I be able to reciprocate it will be a pleasure to do so.

Cordially yours,
F. W. BROWN, General Agent.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES
The majority of the local Catholic churches will have their masses on Easter Sunday at the same time that they are holding them now. In other words, the churches will not recognize the existence of the daylight saving law which goes into effect on March 31, Easter Sunday, and which provides for the pushing ahead of all clocks one hour. After a conference of a number of pastors of the local churches it was decided that there would be a great deal of confusion caused by adopting the new schedule at once.

On the Sunday following, however, the new schedule will be adopted and the masses that are now celebrated at 6 o'clock will be said at 7, while the 11 o'clock mass will be in reality said at 10 o'clock. But this does not go into effect until the first Sunday after Easter.

INFANT MORTALITY
Infant mortality in Lowell for the week ending March 16 was higher than any other city in the list of 46 published by the federal bureau of census. The city's average for the past week is 43.2, while the next in line is New Haven with an average of 27.

Denver with an average of 5.6 is the lowest on the list while other prominent cities and their averages are as follows: Syracuse, 23.6; Milwaukee, 22; Chicago, 20.1; Providence, 20; Rochester, 20; Boston, 17; Fall River, 15.2; New York, 13.3; Philadelphia, 12.8; San Francisco 8.3. The average of the 46 cities is 14.2.

SEEKING HER RELATIVES
Information concerning the relatives of Hugh and Bridget Maguire, deceased, is being sought by Katherine Maguire of 1 Grafton street place, Worcester, who has written a letter to City Clerk Stephen Flynn of this city.

My parents, Hugh and Bridget Maguire, are both dead," writes Katherine, "and I would like to find their relatives. I am now of age and feel I should know all my relatives. These four children in the family, the eldest of whom was 7 years of age when my mother died."

NORTH CHELMSFORD WOOL SORTERS VOTE NOT TO RETURN TO WORK
The wool sorters of the George C. Moore mill in North Chelmsford, who left their work yesterday afternoon after the management had refused to discharge two non-union employees, held a special meeting last evening and the grievance between the mill officials and the wool sorters was discussed at length. It was finally voted not to return to work until the demand had been granted and John J. Whitaker, of this city, national president of the union, was instructed to take the matter up with the mill officials.

IN THE WRONG HOUSE
A resident of North Chelmsford was found asleep on the kitchen floor of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Whitcomb in the village Tuesday morning, but after the man had given a satisfactory explanation to the effect that he thought he was in his own home, the incident was closed.

The man entered the house through a window in the rear of the building after breaking a couple of panes of glass, and evidently after entering the house, dropped to the floor and went to sleep, for he was found lying near the stove the next morning. The incident promised to pay for the damage he caused and he was allowed to go home.

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An authentic showing of the new models in Spring Apparel for Women and Misses. If it is your aim to economize on the cost of your new outfit, then it is all the more imperative that you visit our store and see our wonderful display of Dame Fashion's latest productions.

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Smartest creations in suits ever shown. Big shipments arrive daily from New York, "The Style Center of America." They come in French serges, poplins, velours and gabardines, in navy blues, black, sand, Pekin blue and mixtures. Priced \$19.95, \$25, \$29.50, \$35, \$37.50, \$39.50 up to \$49.50

THE NEW DRESSES

The last word is being shown in our costume section, and every favored material and color can be found in our present exhibit.

\$12.98, \$14.95, \$16.95, \$19.95, \$22.50, \$25.00 up to \$42.50

NEWEST SPORT SKIRTS

They come in a variety of exquisite styles in woolen plaids and stripes and are very popular for spring wear.

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In new and handsome stripes and plaids, you will find our selection replete with new creations.

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Interesting Assemblage of New Coats

Variety of about 100 models is large enough to insure a very satisfactory selection, say nothing of new arrivals which come daily. Poplins, velours, gabardines, and bolivias in the newest shades of the season.

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"LA-VOGUE"

High Grade Sample Coats marked at one-third off regular price. These coats were made by one of the best designers in America. Now is your chance to get a coat at one-third off.

\$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50, \$29.50, \$32.50

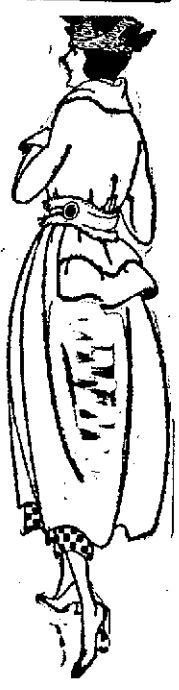
A Message for the Children's Section

Children's Coats in all the newest styles and wanted colors, in serges, poplins, taffetas and many pretty checks, in sizes 1 to 14 years.

Priced \$1.98 to \$15.98

Children's Hats in the newest Spring styles for the young miss and especially for the little tots, in most popular shapes and colors.

Priced 98c to \$7.98



ELABORATE DISPLAY OF NEW MILLINERY

We extend a cordial invitation to you to COME IN and make yourself familiar with what is NEW ABOUT THEM.

They constitute the cream of the creations that are now being shown in the foremost

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They are in a wonderful variety of pokes, turbans and sailors, made of chenille and moulin straw and combinations of satin and straw.

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Lowell's Largest Waist Dept.

New Undermuslins For Spring Are Here
New Idea Patterns—Regal Shoes for Men

Visit

The new styles reveal many new ideas that will appeal to all women of today. They are made of finest crepes, satins and silks in simple tailored styles as well as elaborately decorated with laces and embroideries. The prices will prove a pleasant revelation to our patrons—\$1.93 to \$14.98.

Silk Hosiery Special

There is ECONOMY in the matter of silk hosiery. NEW SPRING SHADES. Not "leavings" but "LEADERS" in STYLE and QUALITY, that is the point. Priced so low they will be picked up in a hurry, too.

Full fashioned and semi-fashioned, double soles and high spliced heels, double garter top. Regular sizes, in black, white and colors, outsize in black and white only. Purchased months ago and we are passing the saving out to you. Worth today \$1.25 and \$1.35 pair. Special \$1.00

NEWEST STYLES IN WOMEN'S NECKWEAR

Georgette Crepe Collar and Cuff Sets, lace trimmed, \$1.00 to \$2.98
Satin Collar and Cuff Sets, in pink, rose, blue, yellow and white, \$1.00 to \$1.98
Pleated Organdy Collar and Cuff Sets, in white with rose, white with blue and all white, 50c Set
Satin Ties, in white, blue and flesh 50c and \$1.00
Satin Collars, in all the desirable shapes and colors, 50c to \$1.98
Pique Vests and Chemisettes, with all styles of collars, 50c to \$1.98
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"Queen Quality" Shoes for Women
SMART NEW FOOTWEAR

For men, women and children. Fashionable styles comprise our large and varied stocks. The very style you desire, in materials "That Must" give service combined with ease and comfort are here.

Women's Boston Favorite Boots At the Old Prices

About one hundred pairs of button boots in patent and gun metal, some with cloth tops. We cannot duplicate them except at much higher prices.

OLD VALUES—OLD PRICES
\$3.00 \$3.25 \$3.50

NEW RIBBONS FOR SPRING

Ribbon as trimmings are again popular, not only on Spring Millinery, Knitting Bags and Art Goods but also in the realms of the frocks to serve as a sash, a streamer or cluster effect.

Our Ribbon Department carries the very latest designs and all kinds of ribbons in gorgeous colorings of Oriental and Egyptian origin. Plain satins are well represented in our showing.

NOTICE TO MEN

Our stock of Men's Furnishings is most complete. Just step inside our main entrance and inspect this department.

QUOTED BELOW ARE A FEW OF OUR MANY VALUES:

Men's Plain Cotton Hose in black and colors with double sole and heel. Specially priced.....25c	Men's Silk Lisle Hose in black and all the wanted colors. Specially priced.....39c	Men's "Phoenix" Hose in silk, black and colors, every pair guaranteed. Specially priced 65c	Men's Shirts and Drawers, medium weight, ribbed. Specially priced.....50c	Men's Negligee Shirts—Made of fine madras and percale in the new spring patterns. Specially priced.....\$1.15	Other Shirts.....\$1.50 to \$5.00	Easter Neckwear for Men—A large and varied assortment to select from. Specially priced 50c, 65c, \$1.00, \$1.50
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New Glove Styles

We carry all the best imported and domestic makes in all shades and tones of the season.

SUEDE GLOVES, 1-clasp, in gray, sand, mode and butter shade, with fancy black embroidery\$2.75

FRENCH KID GLOVES — 2-clasp overseas, in tan, gray, with white embroidered backs, \$3.00

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PORTLAND POLO CLUB REORGANIZED

POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	46	34	57.5
Providence	41	31	56.7
Lawrence	40	35	53.3
Lewiston	33	34	52.3
Worcester	29	39	42.6
Portland	27	35	43.9

ROLLER POLO RESULTS

Lawrence 8, Worcester 4.
Lewiston 7, Portland 5.

The Portland polo club has been completely reorganized, and when the team appears against Lowell at the Rollaway rink tomorrow night, only one of the players who were here on the last trip will be in the lineup. This club has experienced more trouble than all the other teams put together, and it has also suffered more accidents than any other club. Last Saturday night in Worcester, Fred Long, 2nd rush, injured his back by falling against a cage, and he may never be able to play polo again. Red Williams, brother of Kid Williams, Lowell, the fast first rush, was the team, is laid up and will be out of the game for the rest of the season. Jimmie Cameron, who sustained a broken jaw early in the season got back into the game last week, but he is again out with illness and will not come back again for some time. Morrison, too, is not with the team. This leaves Mullin the sole survivor.

But the league officials as well as the men behind the team are determined to finish the season and they have gone out and brought together a very formidable combination. Mulligan, of Worcester, who is leading the league in going to the spot has been sold to Portland and he will appear as first rush. "Bo" Luxon, a veteran, and one of the best at the game, who was with Lawrence early in the season is expected to be in the lineup, while two other "dark horses," said to be great defensive men, will be found at center and halfback. Mullin, who went from Worcester to Portland, will appear in front of the coop.

Harkins Will Play

Ferdie Harkins, captain and "brains" of the Lowell team, will be back in the lineup tomorrow night. He was taken ill on Sunday, and his physician advised him to take to bed immediately, or face a long lay-off later. Ferdie, while hardly able to stand, hated to leave the ship but took his doctor's tip, and as a result he nipped his illness in time. He is now much better and will be seen in the cage tomorrow night, passing, ducking, rushing, and directing the plays as only he can. All rejoice at his speedy recovery and with him back at the same old stand Lowell's pennant hopes take a big jump.

POLO NOTES

Harkins is one of the finest players in polo and he has done as much if not more to make the Lowell team pacemaker in the league race as any member of the outfit. He enjoys the reputation of being the brains of Lowell's play and certain it is with him out Lowell's passing game was shot to pieces. It was nowhere in evidence. Lawrence Tribune.

The Lowell team was a sorry spectacle minus Harkins, and it was very evident who has been the big man on the team all season. Kid Williams, the pride of the up-river fans, might just as well have remained in the dressing room for all the good he did. Purcell in goal played a great game for Lowell and but for his excellent work the score would have been much larger. The little fellow made some beautiful stops. He was severely bombarded, but pluckily kept kicking them away from the cage. Lawrence Telegram.

ST. ANNE'S CLUB OF LAWRENCE WINS IN TOURNAMENT WITH THE C.M.A.C.

The tournament between the C.M.A.C. of this city and St. Anne's club of Lawrence which came to a close at the former's quarters in Pawtucket street last night resulted in a decisive victory for the Lawrence boys.

When the C.M.A.C. started last night it was 219 points behind the St. Anne's aggregation and the latter succeeded in winning at pool, cribbage, whist and pitch.

The boy pool wonder of the C.M.A.C., St. Jean, who is but 17 years of age, won his game from the Lawrence man but his partner was not so fortunate.

Last night's scores were as follows:

Pool

C.M.A.C.—F. Gregoire, 64; A. St. Jean, 100; total, 164. St. Anne's—F. Bouduc, 100; L. Marchesault, 73; total, 173.

Pitch

C.M.A.C.—R. Peltier, F. Morin, 34; St. Anne's club—A. Noel, E. Noel, 53.

Cribbage

C.M.A.C.—L. St. Jean 513, H. Barry 524; total, 1037; St. Anne's club—F. Morin, 552; L. Laundon, 577; total, 1129.

Whist

C.M.A.C.—H. Blazon, J. Paquette, St. Anne's club—L. Lemieux, P. Mallouf. Score: Lowell, 38; Lawrence, 32. C. M.A.C.—J. Arbour, E. Smaril, St. Anne's club—F. Courtenay, W. Jacques. Score: Lowell, 53; Lawrence, 34. C. M.A.C.—A. Fortier, E. Salvay, St. Anne's club—Leo Moreau, Joseph Poirier. Score: Lowell, 43; Lawrence, 52. C. M.A.C.—E. Bellefeuille, A. Bouteauille, St.

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The words of praise from Newburgh's relieved Rheumatic sufferers will prove to many a crippled sufferer a welcome message pointing the way to quick and permanent relief.

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In the spring of 1893 I was attacked by muscular and inflammatory rheumatism. I suffered as only those who know, for over three years. I tried every remedy, and doctor after doctor, but such relief as I received was only temporary. Finally I found a remedy that cured me completely, and it has never returned. I have given it to a number who were terribly afflicted and even bedridden with rheumatism, and it effected a cure in every case. I want every sufferer from any form of rheumatism to know of this marvelous healing power. Don't send a cent, simply mail your name and address and I will send you the full particulars. It is free to try. After you have used it and it has proven itself to be that long-sought-for means of curing your rheumatism, you may send the price of it one dollar, but, understand, I do not want your money unless you are perfectly satisfied to add it to the full. Why suffer any longer when positive relief is thus offered you free? Don't delay. Write today.

Mark H. Jackson, No. 57D Gurley Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. Jackson is responsible. Above statement true.—F.B.

Anne's club: J. Quintal, R. Nolet. Score: Lowell, 45; Lawrence, 65.

Summary

C.M.A.C.—Pool, 164; pitch, 34; cribbage, 1097; whist, 132; total, 1477.
St. Anne's club—Pool, 173; pitch, 53; cribbage, 178; whist, 178; total, 1680.
Majority for Lawrence, 103.
Final victory for St. Anne's club by 332 points.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW ENGLAND HORSE BREEDERS' AND FAIRS' ASSOCIATION

BOSTON, March 21.—Organization of the New England Horse Breeders' and Fairs' association was completed today at a meeting in this city of secretaries of racing and fair associations and New England horsemen. The purpose of the new association is to stimulate interest in horse breeding in order to provide remounts for the army and race horses and to co-ordinate the work of New England fairs in encouraging the development of farming.

PLAN BIG FIGHT IN THE OPEN AIR

CHICAGO, March 21.—Final articles of agreement for the world's championship fight between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, July 4, will be signed here next Tuesday, according to an announcement made yesterday after a conference between the representatives of Willard and Fulton, at which the details of the fight were discussed.

There were present at yesterday's meeting Willard and his manager, Col. J. C. Miller, and Mike Collins, manager for Fulton.

I. H. Herk, a local theatrical manager, associated with William Koenig, announced that he would offer \$125,000 for the fight. Herk and his partner are said to have leased a part of Collins' boxing club in Minneapolis, and will hold the fight in the open air there if their bid is accepted.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE MACHINISTS OF THE BILLERICA CAR SHOPS

The regular quarterly gathering of the machinists of the Boston & Maine car shops in Billerica took place last evening in Odd Fellows hall, Middlesex street. The affair was in the form of a banquet followed by a very interesting address by Chief Yeoman Tucker of the local naval recruiting station.

Yeoman Tucker spoke straight from the shoulder, informing his listeners that Uncle Sam was in need of machinists and that all men of this craft were eligible for service provided they could pass the physical examination. He spoke of the allotments for wives and children and explained the war insurance policy which the government offers all its men. He closed by making an urgent appeal to all eligibles to call at his office and offer their services. The meeting was brought to a close with a musical and literary program.

SERVICE BAR FOR FOR MAJ. GEN. MARCH

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Major General March, acting chief of staff, appeared at his office yesterday with a small single chevron on the sleeve of his uniform blouse, the first appearance in Washington of this newly adopted mark of actual service at the front. The single V-shaped mark on the lower sleeve indicates six months' actual service at the front, and officers and men are entitled to wear the decoration and additional chevrons for subsequent periods of front line service.

DRACUT MEN ENTERTAIN

The men of the Dracut Centre Congregational church conducted their annual supper and entertainment in Grange hall last evening, and the affair was attended by about 200 people who spent a most enjoyable evening. The supper was served in the lower hall in the early part of the evening, and later a very pleasing entertainment program was carried out in the upper hall under the direction of Walter Boynton.

The chairman of the various committees in charge of the event were as follows: Alton B. Bryant, supper; Walter Boynton, entertainment; Thomas H. Varnum, publicity; James Walsh, Jr., waiters, and Frank Huntley, soliciting.

DEMONSTRATION IN SCHOOLS ON MEAT STRETCHER AND MEAT SUBSTITUTES

Miss Bernice Everett gave a demonstration on meat stretchers and meat substitutes at the Duller school yesterday afternoon, before an interested group of women. She also demonstrated a rice pudding with fruit. She was assisted by Miss Modwena Rowlandson. The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. David Mahoney, chairman of the Central district, Mrs. J. J. Higgins, Mrs. Mountford and Mrs. Bernstein.

Mrs. Herbert Sweet also gave a demonstration on meat substitutes yesterday afternoon at the Greenhalge school, before a large attendance. She was assisted by Mrs. Katharine Humphrey. The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Bennett, chairman of this district, and her committee.

Mrs. Humphrey will give another snappers demonstration at the war work headquarters at 119 Merrimack street, next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She will demonstrate the use of oatmeal. All women who are down-trodden between 3 and 5 are invited to attend, if only for a few minutes.

FIRE CHIEFS WOULD PROHIBIT SALE OF FIREWORKS UNTIL WAR IS OVER

At a monthly meeting of the fire chiefs of Massachusetts, which was

held in Boston yesterday, it was voted to request the governor of the commonwealth to prohibit the sale of fireworks until after the war. Similar action was taken at a meeting of the chiefs last year and at that time the governor promised to do his utmost in carrying out the wishes of the association, but the matter was not pressed owing to the fact that fireworks manufacturers had a big amount of goods on hand. It is believed that this year the governor will issue the necessary orders to prohibit the sale of explosives, etc., while the war is on.

Chief Edward P. Saunders of the local department attended the meeting and he reports that it was a very interesting one. Various matters of importance having to do with fire prevention were discussed and it was voted to hold the next meeting at New Bedford. On that occasion the chiefs of the various cities will be given an opportunity to inspect the fire department of that city, which is entirely motorized and moving pictures will be taken of the apparatus and will be shown in various other cities later.

JOSEPH FOURNIER AND STAFF GO "OVER THE TOP" IN POLICY SELLING CONTEST

The local employees of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. gathered around the festive board at the Harrington hotel last evening to congratulate Assistant Superintendent Joseph Fournier on his staff over the policy selling contest in which the numerous staffs of the company throughout the United States and Canada were interested, and in which Mr. Fournier and his men came out victorious.

The local office is in charge of Supt. N. J. Benoit and he has three assistants, Messrs. Alfred Fournier, P.P.V. Lundberg and M. A. Twitchell. When word was received from the home office to the effect that a contest was on, the local assistants got together and made a little side bet, which involved a dinner for the entire staff, the losing staffs to settle all expenses. The contest went on and a few days ago the local office was notified that Mr. Fournier and his staff had gone "over the top," that is had come out first among all the staffs in the states and Canada, and when this bit of information was received the other assistant superintendents immediately planned to pay their debt and hence last evening's gathering at the hotel.

The men gathered around the festive board in the early part of the evening and after discussing a very appetizing menu listened to interesting addresses. The post prandial exercises were presided over by Supt. Benoit, who warmly congratulated the winning staff and urged the losers to get busy in an endeavor to get over the top. Mr. Benoit also made reference to the war saving stamps and said the company had pledged itself to dispose of a great amount of these stamps and Lowell was expected to do her share in the sales. He spoke at length on the meaning of the war stamps and told how easy it is to dispose of them.

Dr. Joseph A. Mehan and Dr. Thomas B. Delaney, medical examiners for the company, also spoke and gave valuable advice to the men. A representative of The Sun also addressed the gathering and Assistant Supt. Fournier told how his men had gone over the top. He said he was proud and confident of his staff that he was ready at any time to issue a challenge to any staff in the states or Canada. Other speakers were Assistant Superintendents Lundberg and Twitchell. In the latter part of the evening enjoyable musical numbers were given by Walter Street, violin and Walter Poult, pianist.

The members of the winning staff are Assistant Supt. Alfred Fournier, Pierre Bno, W. Johnson, Walter Steele, W. K. Hogan and George A. Millette. Others who were present at the festivities were Supt. Benoit, Drs. Dainty and Melan, Assistants Dupa, Lundberg and Twitchell, Agents M. B. Holmes, J. S. Olson, George Lachapelle, Albert Nadey, Alfred Bourassa, A. Gagne, Carl Thorsen, N. Minnaussian.

POLICE COURT

Peter Pacenicz, who conducts a barber shop in Middlesex street, appeared in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with keeping

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12c Fresh Flounders, 8c lb.

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DOWS, THE DRUGGIST

his shop open on the Lord's day, it being alleged that he did work in his shop after the bells had tolled the midnight hour last Saturday night. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$2.

William J. Scott was found guilty of stealing a saw and sentenced to one month in jail. Bloomer Girard, drunkenness, was sentenced to three months in the house of correction, sentence being suspended for six months. Two first offenders were released.

EXEMPTION BOARD NOTICE

The following men from division 2 have been notified to report at city hall March 29 to be inducted into the national army:

15-1558 Ralph N. Fiorello, 26 E. Pine st.
17-1558 Arthur Berard, 8 Middlesex
29-1572 Patrick Kulkner, 459 Broadway
163-1818 Arthur Crevier, 43 Howard
223-905 Wm. Hanley, 44 Rock
315-1023 Costas Kourkouras, 916 Franklin
289-1276 Emil Soucier, 435 Market
405-1715 Michael Alhis, 88 W. Main st., New Britain, Conn.
604-1693 George Trudel, 55 Liberty
504-2282 Geo. Demers, 33 1-2 Mill st., Gloucester, Care Mrs. Morrison.
584-1774 Alcide Brulotte, Westbrook.
735-1550 Louis Samuel Maher, 203 Fletcher
748-1972 Armand Loranger, 14 Lawton
750-1898 Leo B. Tighe, 40 John
789-1030 Emil Morcheau, 32 Midd's st.
791-2844 Michael J. Rayball, 5 Walker ave.
788-1655 James Scanlon, 44 Franklin
The last two named are alternates.

FEDERAL LAW RELATIVE TO SALE OR PURCHASE OF EXPLOSIVES

Under the provisions of a federal act which became effective November 15, 1917, individuals, firms and corporations, possessing, buying or selling explosives or ingredients thereof, must procure a federal license in addition to such license as is required by the laws of this commonwealth. Charles L. Hildreth of Westford, with an office at 307 Sun building, has been appointed a federal licensing officer and is authorized to issue licenses.

DANCING AT BOAT HOUSE

Dancing parties are being held every Thursday evening at the Pawtucket boat house and large crowds are enjoying the pleasures of the affair. Miner-Doyle's orchestra furnishes the music and this is sufficient to insure the best there is. A high class crowd, excellent music and a pleasant atmosphere combine to make an evening spent there a real treat. The usual party will be held this evening.

HAT AND GOWN EXHIBIT

An exhibition of gowns and hats made by the girls of the Vocational school will be held tomorrow evening at the Greenhalge school in Ensell st. and the public is invited to call and inspect the work of the young women during the winter months. The exhibition will be held from 3 to 3.15 o'clock.

CITY TEAMSTER DIED SUDDENLY TODAY

Joshua Hart, aged about 50 years, and for the past 15 years employed by the health department as driver of an ash wagon, died suddenly on the seat of his wagon in Princeton street, shortly before noon today. Death was due to heart failure. The ambulance was summoned but when it was found that the man was dead the body was removed to the undertaking parlors of J. P. O'Donnell & Sons in Market street.

Hart had driven a load of ashes to the dump in Princeton street, had backed the horses and removed the tailboard of the wagon when evidently he felt the heart attack and, climbing back to the seat to rest himself, passed away. His lifeless body was found by a passerby who telephoned for the ambulance.

The deceased had been troubled with his heart for the past four years. He was an expert in breaking in "green horses" and when new horses were purchased they were turned over to him until they were trained for duty on ash wagons. During recent years, however, owing to trouble with his heart he had to decline to train green horses.

He resided at 43 Franklin street and is survived by one brother who resides in Boston.

"DRYS" LOSE OUT IN TEST VOTE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 21.—Defeat of the ratification bill in the New York legislature of the prohibitory amendment to the federal constitution was virtually accomplished yesterday, when the dry forces in the senate on a test vote with all their power displayed, lacked a majority.

Lowell, Thursday, March 21, 1918

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Sale Friday Morning

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New Buyer's Sale of MUSLIN UNDERWEAR Starts Tomorrow



This department has been taken over this past week by a new buyer, and in going over the stock has found hosts of desirable patterns in dainty lingerie. These goods have not been stored away for years. They are all up-to-date styles, and as for prices—well look for yourself at the items below and then decide—

Crepe de chine Envelope Chemise, flesh and white. Reg. price \$2.50 and \$3.50, slightly soiled. Specially priced at \$1.50 Each	MARCELLA DRAWERS, hamburg and lace trimmed. Reg. price 79c and \$1.00. Specially priced at 50c Each
Straight Chemise, trimmed prettily with valencienne, duchess lace and Swiss embroidery. Reg. price 79c, \$1.00, \$1.50. Specially priced at 50c, 79c and 98c Each	MARCELLA DRAWERS, plisse, lace trimmed. Reg. price 79c. Specially priced at 39c Each
Marcella Combinations. Reg. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98 value. Plisse trimmed with tulle lace, others of fine nainsook and long cloth, lace and embroidery trimmed. Specially priced, 50c, 79c, 98c Each	CORSET COVERS, lace and hamburg trimmed. Reg. price 50c. Specially priced at, 25c and 39c Each
Skirt Combinations, plisse, trimmed with lace. Reg. price \$1.00 and \$1.50. Now 50c	Corset Covers, some trimmed with hamburg, others plain. Reg. price 29c and 50c. Specially priced at 10c and 19c Each
Skirt Combinations, in long cloth and nainsook, trimmed with Swiss embroidery and lace. Reg. price \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98. Specially priced at 50c and 98c Each	Camisoles, flesh and white crepe de chine. Reg. \$1.00. Specially priced at 69c Each
Envelope Chemise, lace and hamburg trimmed. Reg. price \$1.00, \$1.50. Specially priced at 50c Each	CAMISOLE, in flesh batiste. Reg. price 79c. Specially priced at 39c Each
Envelope Drawers. Reg. price \$1.00. Specially priced at 50c Each	CAMISOLE, flesh and white silk poplin. Reg. price \$1.00. Specially priced at 69c Each
DRAWERS, with hamburg trimming and lace. Reg. price \$1.00. Specially priced at 50c Each	BOUDOIR CAPS of silk muslin, in pink and blue. Reg. price 29c and 39c. Specially priced, 10c Each
BOUDOIR CAPS of organdie and net. Reg. price 25c and 39c. Specially priced 10c Each	
BOUDOIR CAPS. Reg. price 79c and \$1.00. Specially priced at 25c Each	

TODAY IS THE TIME TO PURCHASE SUMMER UNDERMUSLINS AT REDUCED PRICES. THIRD FLOOR TAKE ELEVATOR

WANT U. S. OFFICERS FOR RUSSIAN ARMY

MOSCOW, Tuesday, March 21 (By the Associated Press).—There has been a marked change in the attitude of the allies toward the soviet government. The entente missions are no longer rushing away from Russia.

The English, French, Americans, Italians and Serbians now have military missions in Moscow, and they are taking quarters, as they expect to remain.

There are many signs of renewed cooperation between Russia and the allies.

Leon Trotsky's reply to the allies' inquiries concerning reports that the Bolsheviks had armed thousands of German and Austrian war prisoners in Siberia, who now threatened the trans-Siberian railway, was:

"Send trained officers and investigators. I will give you a train."

Girls! Use Lemons! Make a Bleaching, Beautifying Cream

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of arched white makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoothener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of arched white in any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant, lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soften, freshen, bleach and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It is simply marvelous to smoothen rough, red hands.

SOON BE TIME TO OPEN UP THE DOORS AND WINDOWS AND PUT IN THE SCREENS

Dust, sunshine and sudden showers are hard on floors, baseboards, window-sills, etc.

COBURN'S ELASTIC FLOOR FINISH will protect and beautify your floors. Quart **94c**

RICE'S MILL WHITE makes the soiled baseboards and window-sills like new. Gallon **2.85**

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Afternoon Hats

And Hats for all Events

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HEAD & SHAW

THE MILLINERS 161 CENTRAL STREET

SHIPS LOST IN WAR

dump says, because today they will not stimulate the enemy and because they will impress upon the people the necessity of united action in making good losses by submarines. With them goes an appeal to British builders to speed up their efforts by bringing more men and women to work on the task and warning that the recent falling off in British production must not continue.

Net Loss 2,832,297 Tons

In spite of the tremendous toll of losses they do not approach the claims of the Germans and with 2,539,000 tons of enemy ships added to the output of the war period the net loss to world shipping exclusive of that of Germany and her allies is only 2,832,297.

The maximum of losses was reached in the second quarter of 1917, after the unrestricted warfare which drew the United States into the struggle was launched. That quarter 2,236,934 gross tons of ships went down. Since then the total has been reduced until in the fourth quarter of 1917 it was 1,772,842. In the meantime the shipbuilding output steadily curved upward. In the last quarter of 1917 it was 322,023 tons and at that time the enormously increased facilities of the United States had not begun to get into action.

Gaining on U-Boats

Although warning against undue optimism the admiralty statement says: "The results of the past year have shown the ability of our seamen to get upon terms with the submarine menace and gradually to gain the upper hand."

"It is announced in the house of commons yesterday that hereafter figures on losses and building would be made public at regular intervals. Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, indicated that it still would be unwise to publish the totals for the war. These totals, however, now are given to the public simultaneously in this country and in Great Britain."

Admiralty Memorandum

The admiralty memorandum says: "Hitherto the board of admiralty have been averse from any publication other than contained in the weekly return losses, although it has frequently been pressed upon them that the whole tonnage facts should be made public. So long as such publication would encourage the enemy and would stimulate his energies in a dangerous direction, they have not been able to concur in the proposal."

"The figures today will not stimulate the enemy and the admiralty recognize that the policy of silence, necessary as they believe it to have been from a naval point of view, has had this serious defect, that it falls sufficiently to impress upon the people of this country the vital necessity of individual and united effort on their part to make good the losses caused by enemy submarines."

"It would not be correct to assume that the losses by submarine will continue to decrease or that the production of merchant vessels will continue to increase at the same rate of progress as is shown in the last few quarters, although a rapid and continuous increase in the output of merchant tonnage will inevitably follow the united efforts of all engaged in merchant shipbuilding in this country."

"On the subject of losses the admiralty disclaims any desire to prophesy about so uncertain a thing as war in its submarine phase. The results of the past year have shown the ability of our seamen to get upon terms with the submarine menace and gradually to gain the upper hand. This result has been achieved in spite of an imperfect knowledge of a new and barbarous method of warfare and of a scarcity of suitable material. Our material resources for this warfare are already improved and are being rapidly augmented, whilst science is placing at our disposal means of offense and defense of which we have been in need."

"With regard to the production of merchant tonnage, any estimate for the future must depend wholly on the determination of employers and men in the shipyards and marine engineering establishments. The production, however, of merchant ships in the United Kingdom during January, 1918, even making the most generous allowance for weather conditions, fell so far below that of each month in the preceding quarter that if improvement is not speedily made, the point where production balances losses will be postponed to a dangerous extent and even when that point is reached we shall still have to make good the losses of the past during the critical period that confronts us."

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This home-made remedy is a wonder for quick results. Ready and cheaply made.

The prompt and positive action of this simple, inexpensive home-made remedy in quickly healing the inflamed or swollen membranes of the throat, chest or bronchial tubes and breaking up tight coughs, has caused it to be used in more homes than any other cough remedy. Under its healing, soothing influence, chest soreness goes, phlegm loosens, breathing becomes easier, tickling in throat stops and you get a good night's restful sleep. The usual throat and chest colds are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, hoarseness, croup, whooping cough, bronchial asthma or winter coughs.

To make this splendid cough syrup, pour 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (60 cents worth), into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup and shake thoroughly. You then have a full pint—a family supply—of a much better cough syrup than you could buy ready-made for \$2.50. Keeps perfectly and children love its pleasant taste.

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shipyards and on ourselves. Our partners in the war are making every effort to increase their production of ships, but a considerable time must elapse before the desired output is secured. To produce in the United Kingdom 1,800,000 in 1918 and to reach an ultimate production at the rate of three million per annum is well within the present and prospective capacity of our shipyards and marine engineering shops but the rate of the skilled men must be charged without delay by the introduction of men and women at present unskilled."

"The board of admiralty wish to make it perfectly clear that these results cannot be obtained unless maximum output is continuously given in every shipyard and marine engine shop by everyone concerned. If employers hesitate to play their part, if men anywhere 'down tools' go slow for any reason, they will do so in full knowledge of the grievous extent to which they are prejudicing the vital interests of the community."

"It is to ensure the vigorous co-operation of all concerned that the admiralty have recommended the publication of the facts."

FLOYD BIBLE CLASS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HAS ANNUAL MEETING

The members of the Floyd Bible class of the First Baptist church held their annual meeting last evening. Supper was served at 6.30, the guests for the occasion being Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Beale of the Highland Congregational church, and Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Camp of the North Tewksbury Baptist church.

The business session was presided over by President Warren F. Sanborn. A report on the membership class shows a total of 104, with an average attendance for the year of 44 1/2. The election of officers, which was a feature of the meeting, resulted as follows: Harry Stocks, president; A. J. French, vice president; Mrs. F. C. Amadon, secretary; Mrs. Campbell, assistant secretary; F. C. Amadon, treasurer. In the course of the evening, interesting remarks were made by Rev. A. C. Archibald, pastor, Rev. Mr. Beale and Rev. Mr. Camp. The committee in charge of the supper consisted of Mrs. S. W. Hands, chairman; Mrs. H. E. Decatur, Mrs. Mary Sabes, Mrs. James Anderson and Mrs. F. C. Amadon.

TO INCREASE TUITION FEE

NORTHAMPTON, March 21.—Smith college, beginning next fall, will increase its tuition fee from \$150 to \$200 in order to meet increased cost of maintenance. In making the announcement college authorities pointed out that some institutions had taken similar action, while others had imposed a maintenance fee in addition to the tuition.

WALDRON MAY BE SENTENCED TODAY

BURLINGTON, Vt., March 21.—Rev. Clarence H. Waldron of Windsor, found guilty in the federal court here Tuesday of disloyalty to the United States, will probably be sentenced today. The convicted pastor and his pentecostal followers are strongly inclined not to let the case drop now and may take it to the United States court of appeals if the necessary expenses can be provided. Several of the pentecostals are still in the city. Mr. Waldron has not been locked up.

INCREASE IN WAGES

The employees of the Talbot mills in North Billerica will receive an increase in wages beginning March 25. A notice to that effect was posted in the various departments of the mill yesterday and, although the amount was not stated, it is believed that it will be three cents an hour.

MASQUERADE AND CHARACTER PARTY UNDER DIRECTION OF Y.W.C.A. EXTENSION CLASS

The Y.W.C.A. in John street was the scene of a delightful social time which took the form of a masquerade and character party. It was held under the direction of the extension class of which Miss Annie F. Hodgkins is secretary. There was a large attendance of young women and about 75 appeared in costumes of various descriptions. Some of the girls present were attired as sailors, soldiers, cowboys, apaches, highlanders, Boy Scouts and various other characters. All were masked and the evening's fun started with a series of games and races, after which two lines were formed and a guessing contest as to the identity of the opposite partner was carried on. After that came the grand march and then all unmasked. Prizes were given for the best and most grotesque costumes, and in the singing role Miss Yvonne Martel, dressed as a cowboy, took the prize. Miss Maude Murphy, in negro costume, took the booby.

The march over, several other games were enjoyed, after which the refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Hodgkins.

If you want to reach the people who spend their money in Lowell, advertise in The Sun, Lowell's greatest newspaper.

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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION WHEN MEN ARE BUYING SUITS AND OVERCOATS FOR EASTER

Some 10 or more Men's Clothing Stores will be making their claims in the newspapers tomorrow. Most of them will be saying as loudly as type can shout—"Best Clothing, Lowest Prices."

It is confusing.

They cannot all be right—yet it stands to reason that in certain of these stores you are going to get better clothing and better service at the same or lower cost than in others.

What is a man to do?

Well, for one thing, he ought to use his good horse sense and choose at this time a store which he himself has tried and found trustworthy. Or (if he has not tried any store in this city) choose a store his friends know to be reliable.

In these times of stress a good name is invaluable to both a store and its customers.

The Merrimack Clothing Store has an enviable reputation for service, for honesty, for integrity, built up by many years of earnestly striving to be of utmost service to the people. On every hand you hear—

"IF YOU WANT TO BE SURE OF IT BUY IT AT THE MERRIMACK."

We invite you to come to our Spring Opening Friday and Saturday and inspect the new stocks of Shuman, Sampeck, Seco and other clothing makes in the new Spring Suits and Topcoats at

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A NEW HAT FOR EASTER

You'll find here this week probably the largest assortment of Fine Hats to choose from in the city. All the newest and most approved shapes and colors are here in endless variety.

As always we lay special emphasis on the WILSON HAT, for which we are sole agents in Lowell. If you've never worn a Wilson try one this season on our recommendation. Wilson Hats **\$3.50, \$4, \$5** are priced.....

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Men's \$25 Suits	\$21.50	Ladies' \$15 Rain Coats	\$11.50
Men's \$15 Suits	\$12.50	Ladies' \$20 Silk or Serge Dresses	\$16.75
Men's \$30 Overcoats	\$24.50	Ladies' \$5.00 Waists	\$3.98
Men's \$15 Rain Coats	\$11.75	Ladies' \$3.98 Waists	\$2.98
Men's \$5 Pants	\$3.95	Ladies' \$3.98 Petticoats	\$2.98
Men's \$2.50 Pants	\$1.95	Ladies' \$1.25 Umbrellas .....	.99c
Men's \$2.50 Hats	\$1.95	Ladies' \$1.15 House Dresses .....	.89c
Men's \$1.50 Caps	\$1.20	Ladies' \$1.00 Silk Stockings .....	.49c
Men's 50c Caps .....	.39c		
Men's \$1.25 Umbrellas .....	.95c		
Men's \$1.00 Shirts .....	.89c		
Men's 85c Work Shirts .....	.69c		
Men's \$2.00 Union Suits	\$1.69		
Men's \$1.00 Underwear .....	.79c		
Men's \$1.15 Night Shirts .....	.89c		
Men's 35c Stockings .....	.26c		
Men's 60c Silk Stockings 35c; 3 pairs \$1.00			
Men's \$1.00 Neckwear .....	.89c		
Men's 65c Neckwear .....	.52c		
		Boys' \$12.00 Suits (two pants)	\$10.95
		Boys' \$7.00 Suits (two pants)	\$5.95
		Boys' \$5.00 Spring Reefers	\$3.95
		Boys' \$1.25 Pants .....	.95c
		Boys' 60c Shirts and Waists55c
		Boys' 29c Black Stockings21c
		Boys' 25c Neckwear19c
		Boys' 50c Caps39c

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DAYLIGHT SAVING

The government at Washington by enforcing the daylight saving law is to teach the country the advantage of early rising. The old adage has it "Early to bed and early to rise, etc." but other advantages are sought in the present instance, the principal of which is economy in lighting. Somehow it has been customary to have the working day nearer to sunset than sunrise and people get home after dark in the evening who would dislike very much to get up before daylight in the morning.

But there is a charm in getting up in time to see the sunrise, while the dew is yet upon the grass and when the birds had the coming day in ecstasy of song.

The change is to be made on Easter Sunday, the last day of this month. On the previous night the clocks are to be set one hour ahead and this difference in time will be observed by railroads and all other lines of business. This arrangement will continue until the last Saturday of October when the process will be reversed and sun time will again be in force. There will be some difficulties for those who work at night on March 30th. They will lose an hour in the length of their day; but as all night workers will be alike in this respect, there will be no ground for complaint.

The daylight saving will avail nothing for the "night owls" who sleep during the day or those who have the habit of sitting up late at night. The aim of this law is not only to save daylight but to inculcate also the custom of retiring early in order to be ready to get up according to the new time schedule without any discomfort or without the clanging of an alarm clock.

BAKER'S VINDICATION

Secretary Baker's statement that the war department will have 500,000 American troops in France early in this year is being verified as a result of improvement in the facilities of docking and other arrangements made by Col. Goethals. It is announced that as a result of these improvements each ship does nearly twice the work done previously. The time for loading and unloading has been reduced one-half and the time of transit has also been cut down so that the sum total of these improvements shows an increased efficiency of nearly 100 per cent.

Besides, England has exchanged troop ships for merchant vessels so that the tonnage for troops is thus much increased. The better weather, better railroad facilities, and the ample supply of coal, will all help to expedite the transfer of troops to Europe.

At the present rate of transportation there will be no difficulty in transporting 1,500,000 troops to Europe before January next and after that the number sent will depend upon the necessity.

Secretary Baker's critics thought this couldn't be done; but he will confound the carping politicians who set out to make political capital at his expense. They will find that the secretary was talking facts instead of "telling the country to sleep by optimistic assurances" as was charged in the United States senate.

KING COTTON

King Cotton bids fair to be also queen, kids, hired girl—the whole blanketed family, before long.

He is not only conscientiously supplanting wool in cloths, because there is much more of him, but the way he is sneaking into places on the dinner table is simply wonderful. For some time, the juice of his seed has been a substitute for olive oil. He is the basis for as fine a lard as ever made pie-crust fascinating to dyspeptics. He is a third part of a new fangled butter that would turn an ordinary cow green with envy. And they're putting up scores of mills to grind his seeds into flour that's already established as fine for cookies and ginger-snaps and perfectly satisfactory as stuffing for sausages. When he gets into the soup tureen and the coffee pot, old King Cotton will have the nicest, tightest, blindest kingdom that ever was. And yet, only a few years ago, his kingdom was largely confined to gunpowder and nightshirts. But King Cotton has an insidious method of stealing into the household and dictating the family menu that suggests the German spy and propagandist. He is in many a kitchen where his presence is neither known nor suspected. It will require some time for the people to get acquainted with King Cotton and his sinuous ways.

GERMAN KULTUR

It is the German idea of kultur that it would be an act of mercy to wipe out the city of London with its teeming millions if thereby the life of one German soldier could be saved. That explains why Germany persists in the "merciful work" of slaughtering women and children, bombing hospitals and sinking hospital ships. This must be part of the divine inspiration coming through the Kaiser who blasphemously claims to be the instrument of the Almighty.

The German people are beginning to realize to some extent the real character of the air raids. They rejoiced when they heard that London was raided and that many were killed. Now that the allied airmen have adopted a

policy of reprisals the Germans are loud in their protests at the horror of it. Could even a small part of the horrors that Germany has carried into allied territory, be visited upon the Germans they would speedily cry out for peace.

CONQUEST OF RUSSIA

It is now very evident that Germany does not mean to make any drive on the western front. Her object is to hold the allies or meet any drive they may attempt while she is subjugating Russia. In spite of her so-called peace with Russia, she evidently intends to capture Petrograd and Moscow, both of which are practically defenceless. The Bolshevik leaders having dispersed or demobilized the army, Russia is now helpless at the feet of the most ruthless and most rapacious of foes.

The Russian people have been so hypnotized by the Bolsheviks and so deluded by German lies that if Japan intervened in their behalf they would join the Germans in driving her out. Trotsky is now appealing to the allies in a desperate but hopeless effort to save Russia, yet he is not willing that Japan should intervene to stop the progress of the Germans. The situation in the east is about as bad as it could be.

WHY DISCRIMINATE?

In Philadelphia a young man was sentenced to jail for selling a newspaper.



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per under the pretense that it contained an account of the sinking of an American battleship. The presiding judge said the sentence was the beginning of a crusade he intended to inaugurate for the arrest of persons who mist and terrify people with false reports of disaster in the army and navy. That crusade should be extended over the country.

But when a newboy is punished in this way for making false statements to alarm the people, how about the sensational spouter such as that dreading clergyman who recently made outrageous charges against the president of the United States and members of the cabinet, before a meeting of bank officials in Boston? The title "reverend" should not shield such a character in spreading sedition or breathing treason.

THE BOY RESERVE

The efforts of the government to organize the boys of the country into a "Working Reserve" for the war should have good results. There are over 2,000,000 boys in the country old enough to do a fair day's work on a farm and who will readily volunteer to do so under proper conditions. The boys must be placed under the control of men who know how to handle them, how to protect them physically and morally and how to keep them interested. The boys are interested in the war and anxious to render service if given a proper chance. Most of them would like employment of a less prosaic kind than farming, but even this can be made quite interesting and instructive.

The circus this year will probably have to use motor trucks. In view of the congestion on the railroads, the circus traffic would make matters still worse. But whether the circus takes the railroad or the highway, we all want to see it.

The great American hen has begun her annual spring drive eggactly as we expected her to do. The season of 70-cent eggs has passed but may come back.

Mayor Hylan of New York has denounced a dance as indecent. The dancer's salary check probably was doubled the next morning.

SEEN AND HEARD

We understand that advertising space in the Fletcher street car is not much sought after.

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At the Reception

"What strange manners that author has." "Yes, if you didn't know he was a literary lion, you'd mistake him for an educated pig."—Boston Transcript.

Don't Emulate Adam

Some person who has more time to give to figuring than he has to give to the war has discovered that if Adam had put away one war savings stamp with interest at 4 per cent compounded every three months, all the world could not pay the sum today. The fact that our distant relative didn't save, however, should not deter Massachusetts people in a resolve to get into the war savings wagon now. Don't let the Kaiser profit by your repeating Adam's mistake.—Bay State Bulletin.

Smoke On the House

In one of the Broadway hotels, the cigar stand is so near the desk that people frequently go to the wrong place to register. Last night, a ruralist from up-state approached the

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stand. "What are your prices?" he asked the girl. "From 10 to 75 cents." The girl put two boxes of cigars on the show-case and he took a Havana worth a quarter. "Much obliged," he said. "Is it customary to set 'em up to every new guest?" She thought it was one of the commonplace pleasures men unload on cigar stands. "Oh, yes," she said. "Where's the register?" he asked. "Right here," said the girl, pointing to the cash register. He considered it a pretty good joke and laughed. "But where's the book?" he asked. "I want to put my name down." "You don't have to register when you buy a cigar," said the girl. She couldn't imagine what was wrong with that man. "But I want a room." "Oh," came from the girl as she realized a mistake had been made, "the desk is right over there. This is the cigar stand. Get your room at the desk." As he left she dropped into a chair. A few minutes later one of the room clerks came to the cigar stand. "What made you tell that man we had rooms here for 10 to 75 cents?" he asked. "He said he'd take

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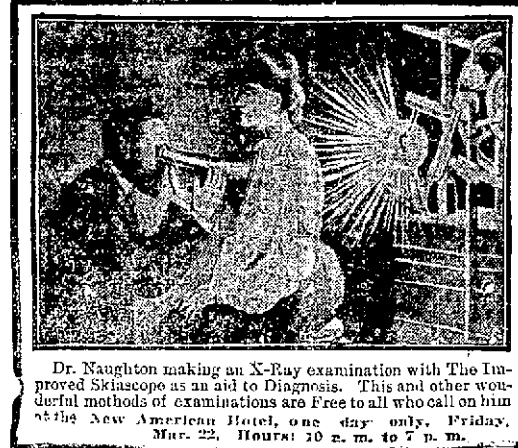
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It Worked All Right

It took A. B. Giblin, chief clerk of the district draft appeals board, in Cleveland, about three minutes to overcome the conscientious scruples of a selective objector. A man about 27, weighing upward of 200 pounds and standing almost six feet, told Mr. Giblin he didn't believe in fighting—"it hurts my conscience," he explained. "You don't want to fight, eh," Giblin asked. "Don't tell me it's your conscience. It's your nerve. You're cowardly, that's all."

"You know what the Huns have done to the women of Belgium. You know what they've done to your mother and sister if they got the opportunity. And still you don't want to fight. I'm ashamed of you!" By this time Giblin's visitor was all but frothing at the mouth. He had thrown his hat onto a chair and squared off for action.

"Don't call me a coward," he yelled, making a lunge at Giblin. "You've gone too far now with your talk. I'll make you eat those words."

Giblin was accomplishing his purpose, and knew it. "Just a minute," he said. "You suggested when you came in that Germany and the allies ought to arbitrate their difficulties. Let's arbitrate."

"Arbitrate!" shouted the visitor. "I'll make you fight."

Then Giblin laughed. "I know," he said. "If I got you mad enough you'd want to fight. That's the spirit. When you get to France and the Germans get you mad, you'll account for a dozen of 'em. Go on home now and get ready to join the colors."

And the conscientious objector of a few minutes before, now thoroughly angry, stamped out of Giblin's office.

The Financier

Some people say things just to hear themselves talk and you get their number soon through their windy warbles. We know a gabby gink who was always talking about autos. Now he couldn't afford one if they were being given away for soap wrappers. One night he was in a pool room he spouted about getting a car. One of the gang asked him where he was going to get the coin. "Borrow it," says he. "Where from?" "Why, from a bank!" "Well, what securities can you give?" "Why, uh—I can give the auto as a security, can't I?"

The Moccasins

It was the gallant Eagle Claw, a warrior of the Sioux. That loved the earth as dearly, but lacked the heart to woo.

He saw her take the waterpail, on household duties being thrill. He donned his ragged moccasins and followed where she went.

And down beside the rivulet, despite a mild demur, He seized and filled the waterpail and carried it for her.

She smiled at him, and said to him, with roguish tone and sweet, "What dreadful, ragged moccasins are those upon your feet!"

"Within my lodge is none," he said, "to make them new for me!" She looked upon the moccasins and laughed, "There ought to be!"

"But who would mend the moccasins for such as I?" he sighed. "I could not find the right advisers," she murmured. "Have you tried?"

"O, will you mend my moccasins?" he begged, with longing thrill. She looked upon the moccasins and whispered, "Yes, I will!"

And up the bank and through the grove and toward the lodge fire's gleam, A double trail of moccasins is leading from the stream.

—ARTHUR GUTTERMAN, in Life.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Lowell court, M.C.O.F., was held Tuesday night in Grafton hall. There was a large attendance including a number of out of town people. D.H.C.R. Agnes E. Higgins of Lawrence was present and delivered an interesting address on "Service."

She impressed upon those present the necessity of being careful in the conservation of food-stuffs, in order that our boys "over there" will not be deprived of anything which they need. She also reminded those of us who must stay at home that we are in duty bound to buy war stamps and Liberty bonds in order to help our country carry on the war to a successful end. William J. Sullivan, H.L.C., of Boston, spoke of the good work of the Order throughout the state, and informed the meeting that 417 members were now in the service. James S. King and Andrew A. McCarthy were well received in songs, and Miss Veronica B. Rediker was the accompanist. Remarks were made by C.P.

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Patrick T. Brosnan and C.R. Gabriel, Audin of North Chelmsford. The meeting closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." Timothy F. Rohan had general charge, assisted by William A. Barry.

The regular meeting of Club Citizens Americans was held last night in their hall in Aldridge street, President Z. Chouinard occupying the chair. Four new members were initiated and two applications for membership received. The election of three delegates to the permanent naturalization committee was postponed until next Wednesday.

It was announced that the members of the club would be given a little treat tonight in the form of an oyster party, with what as a side issue, which is to be free to all members of the club. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

The matter of raising money to provide the soldier members of the club with tobacco is progressing well and it is expected that a lot will be done in this respect.

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MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB

Friday, March 22, 3 p. m.—Miss Portia Smiley, the famous southern cook, will demonstrate typical southern dishes. The public is invited.

ters, met last night at C.M.A.C. hall, Chief Ranger Onesime Tremblay presiding. Three applications for membership were received and two members were initiated. The membership contest which has been going on since January and which just came to a close resulted in the addition of 42 members to the club.

It was announced that the court has at least 12 members in the military service of the country and that the court has raised the sum of \$23, which has been forwarded to the state court, which has charge of administering this fund.

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IRISH FROM DRAFT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—Congressman Joseph McLaughlin, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, protested yesterday that exemption of alien Irishmen from service in the United States army is an insult to the race.

He will go before the senate committee on foreign relations, which is handling the alien draft treaty with Great Britain, and ask that the exemption clause be stricken out.

FAVORABLY REPORTED.

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The house committee on coinage, weights and measures today ordered a favorable report on the Tilson bill to standardize screw threads and screw tolerance which is a bill of great importance to all manufacturers, especially to such plants as deal with munitions and other metal work. The Til-

On Monday the directors of the A.O. will meet in Washington and pass resolutions demanding that the exemption understanding with Great Britain be cancelled.

"I suppose he has no business," said Congressman MacLaughlin, "to exempt an Irish man from service with the American army, when they don't want it. An Irish want no exemption. We won't give for it. In fact, it is an insult to a race to talk about it in a land for which they have given their life blood willingly."

sen bill authorizes a commission of five members to be made up of the director of the bureau of standards, a member each of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Automotive Engineers, an officer of the navy and an officer of the army. The bill is aimed to overcome much of the difficulty now encountered in assembling parts of munitions and other metal work. The favorable report was unanimous and Mr. Tilson believes the bill will pass congress.

RICHARDS.

**DAYS SERVICE-AT-COST
WILL SOLVE TROUBLE**

BOSTON, March 21.—Peter Witt, a street railway expert of Cleveland told members of the legislative body that service-at-cost plan as inaugurated in that city, was, in his opinion, the only solution of the troubles in the Massachusetts street railways.

BRITISH TANK

Permit for Use of "Britannia" In Boston Campaign

BOSTON, March 21.—Three sections of the city, in which the British tank "Britannia" would not be allowed to operate because of danger to subways beneath the streets, were defined today by the street commissioner in granting a permit for the use of the tank by the British and Canadian recruiting mis-

found themselves. His statement was made at a meeting of the committee on street railways and Metropolitan affairs which are sitting jointly to consider street railway problems, particularly those of the Boston Elevated system.

Mr. Wylie said the Cleveland plan had restored a broken down transit company to a prosperous condition and given the public adequate service. He was done, he said, chiefly by making the public a partner in the enterprise as a result of which the public had cheerfully accepted radical

ness. Chief of these was the elimination of many stops, saving patrons ten to fifteen minutes each day in the morning by changing to an equivalent company in four years. The cost of \$1,000,000 in platform expenses alone.

The Cleveland plan Mr. Witt asserted would work anywhere. It "might" be necessary to modify it in some particulars for application to the Boston elevated lines, but for communities outside of Boston he believed the service-at-cost plan the only solution.

POWERS WILSON
TO TAKE PROPERTY
FASHINGTON, March 21.—Under a
sent to the senate military com-
tees by Acting Sec. of War Crow-
president would be empowered,
ing the war, to take over private
erty of any kind, personal or real
ty, with compensation for the own-
er, whenever deemed necessary for
national security or conduct of the
war.
The chief object of the legislation is
to enable the government to get quick

Margaret E. Loftus and Charles O'Donnell; vocal selections by Mrs. J. F. Loftus.
Guests were present from Boston, Cohasset, Scituate, North Carolina, Bradford, Lawrence and Arlington.

PATRIOTIC MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN HONOR OF LOWELL'S LOYAL MEN
A patriotic meeting is to be held at Associate hall Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in honor of Lowell's loyal

session of real estate, office buildings and other property needed in connection with the conduct of the war.

THRIKE AT WOONSOCKET, R. I.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., March 21.—Over 700 employees, men and women, attending the making department of the Alice Company of the Woonsocket Rubber Co., a United States Rubber Company, gathered here this afternoon. This morning management posted a notice of an increase effective next Monday, and stated that schedules would be posted Wednesday. A committee from the

men who have been accepted and who are now ready for service in the United States army and it is expected that all of the young men included in the second draft, together with their mothers, wives and sweethearts will be present.

RETREAT FOR MEN

A retreat for the men of the Sacred Heart parish opened last evening with Rev. John M. O'Brian, O.M.I., officiating. The women's retreat closed yesterday morning with appropriate services. The men's retreat will close on

ing room called upon the superintendent and demanded to know the amount of the increase. No definite information being then forthcoming, makers, men and women, struck off this afternoon.


LOWELL SOLDIERS AT CAMP DEVYENS IN NEED OF BASEBALL EQUIPMENT

The Lowell boys at Camp Devyens need baseballs, bats, mits and other equipment necessary for the national game, and they have informed Com-

owner Morse of their wants. Mr. Morse stated this morning, that when the last contingent left Lowell for the north, he told them if they needed any thing, he was not to be shy upon calling on him. I promised them to do all I could for them if they were in need," said the commissary, "and I will keep my word. The boys want baseball equipment and they will get it."

On Saturday, March 30 there will be an examination held at the scout headquarters for indoor first class work. Scouts wishing to take the exams should apply to their scoutmasters.

Scout Amos Fleming of Troop 25 is leading the scouts in the sale of war savings stamps. Scouts who have disposed of all their cards may obtain more at the headquarters.



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DON L. OVERLOCK HONORED

Don L. Overlock is about to go to war. The gray expanses of sea and horizon will soon be the scene of his activities and there may come days and hours when he will be lonesome and heartick and longing for the more stable and familiar daily background of life in Lowell. Perhaps the large number of his friends who gathered at the Central club last evening had sufficient vision to anticipate that just such feelings would cast their irksome burden on Mr. Overlock when he had undertaken his sea-faring career, and in order to mitigate and soften it to a slight degree, at least, they expressed to him materially and spiritually, just what they thought of him as a comrade, a man and a volunteer to serve in a climactic period of world events.

Mr. Overlock a few days ago successfully passed the examinations for the naval reserve at the local station, was forwarded to Boston for a dual test and then returned home to await orders to go in training. He will leave Lowell within a short time and will receive his initial experience as a seaman either at Pelham Bay, N. Y., or Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Overlock has been local organizer for the Printing Pressmen union and has been employed by the Courier-Citizen Co. as a printer. Besides these



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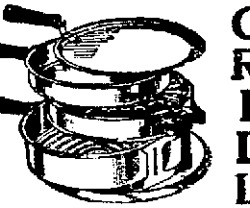
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every-day sort of connections, he has been prominently identified with numerous fraternal and social organizations including the Elks and the Central club. The latter organization decided that the Lowell man should not leave the city without receiving and experiencing the kind of sendoff which Lowell has been giving her worthy sons since the sixth of last April.

Without the slightest reduction, it may be openly stated that the quarters of the Central club do not approach in size those of the Metropolitan Art Museum or Madison Square garden; perhaps not even our own Associate hall. In other words, they are meagre. This fact was duly emphasized last evening when between 300 and 400 friends of Mr. Overlock attempted—and succeeded—to show the new member of the fleet just what they thought of him. Some humorist in the crowd cried, "Who says Lowell doesn't need a public hall?" and said humorist spoke more truth than poetry.

Although the affair was intrinsically a send-off for Mr. Overlock, the Central club disguised it somewhat by calling



DON L. OVERLOCK

it an open house for members and their friends. In the course of the evening a conversation was brought about and it became an open house for Don L. Overlock and his friends. Activities began at 8 o'clock when Hibbard's orchestra swung into a medley overture and then the genial Harry Pitts called the gathering to order and the first number on the evening's schedule was a banquet. A real banquet, with all the perquisites of such affairs and with abundant good cheer and merriment. After steady work the banqueters began to see visions of Mr. Hoover stalking about the room and threatening them with immediate starvation unless they "let up." Conscience stricken as they were, they considered "letting up" the better part of discretion and from then on the evening's spotlight centered on Mr. Overlock, seaman.

There was talent galore to entertain in a light-house manner. Such gloom policemen as Walter Davis, the Honey Boy Four, James Kenney and five of the acts at Keith's this week, took their turn in standing guard against the entrance of any sombre notes in the program of pleasure and for a while they succeeded. But eventually there came the time when the more serious, the spiritual phase of the affair, came around. As a preliminary indication, Lawyer Daniel J. Donahue presented a long array of tokens, from various friends. They included a B.P.O.E. diamond-studded ring from the employees of the Courier-Citizen, a champagne money bag from the Courier-Citizen Co., a wrist watch from the Cement club of Belvidere, a pipe from the boys of the Shaw-Hository chapel and other gifts.

Daniel J. Donahue

Then Mr. Donahue paused a moment, turned to the faces that a moment ago had been radiant but were now assuming a more serious mien, and then turned to Mr. Overlock and spoke as follows:

"This occasion is one of joy and regret; joy because that little piece of heaven called friendship has come to earth and is burning in each of our hearts. Tonight joy comes in bidding Goodspeed to one who possesses a treasure more priceless than lands and money—a host of true friends. These tokens of regard and love and esteem come from friends who have labored with him day in and day out and realize his worth as a man.

"While the nations are calling, he has heard the clarion note that inspires patriotic breasts to do and dare and he has responded to his country's call. May these few tokens be silent reminders of the friends who have labored with him day in and day out and realize his worth as a man.

"The affair lasted until midnight, and about 10.30 Hibbard's orchestra, which had been doing valiant duty for a great part of the evening was augmented by the Strand Symphony orchestra and as the midnight hours quietly blended with those of early morning, the honored and honored made their way home. It was but a typical war scene in Lowell.

U.S. FLAG ON DUTCH SHIPS

77 Vessels Seized by Order of Pres. Wilson — Armed Naval Guards Take Charge

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Seven-hundred Dutch ships in American ports, aggregating about 600,000 tons, were flying the American flag today as a result of President Wilson's proclamation last night requisitioning Dutch tonnage in accordance with the British-American shipping agreement. At the same time Great Britain took over Dutch vessels in British waters and 400,000 more tons were put into allied service.

Armed naval guards were aboard the vessels in American waters today and the ships will be operated by the navy department and the shipping board, Dutch crews being supplemented by American civilian sailors and naval reservists. Compensation will be made to the owners.

PRES. WILSON'S STATEMENT

President Wilson last night authorized the following statement:

"For some months the United States and the entente allies have been conducting negotiations with the Dutch government with the object of concluding a general commercial agreement.

"A very clear statement of the character of these negotiations was made March 12 to the Dutch parliament by his excellency the minister of foreign affairs of Holland.

Holland to Receive Food

"As appears from the statement, the discussion proceeded on the basis of two fundamental provisions, namely, that the United States and the allies should facilitate the importation into Holland of foodstuffs and other commodities required to maintain her economic life, and that Holland should restore her merchant marine to a normal condition of activity.

"It was the task of the negotiators to develop a specific application of these propositions, which would be acceptable to the governments concerned.

"Early in January, 1918, the negotiators came to an understanding which was embodied in a tentative agreement which was submitted to the governments concerned in order that, if acceptable, it might be ratified, or, if unacceptable, a counter-proposal might be made.

"The negotiations becoming prolonged, the Dutch delegates proposed, in order that their ships might sooner be put into remunerative service, that Dutch tonnage lying idle in American waters should, with certain exceptions, be immediately chartered to the United States for periods not exceeding 30 days.

Planned to Aid Switzerland

"This proposal was accepted by the United States government and Jan. 25, 1918, the Dutch minister at Washington handed to the secretary of state of the United States a note expressing the terms of the temporary chartering agreement and his government's acceptance thereof.

"This agreement provided, among other things, that 150,000 tons of Dutch shipping should, at the discretion of the United States, be employed partly in the service of Belgian relief and partly for Switzerland on safe conduct to Cettie, France, and that for each ship sent to Holland in the service of Belgian relief a corresponding vessel should leave Holland for the United States.

"Two Dutch ships in the United States ports with cargoes of foodstuffs were to proceed to Holland, similar tonnage being sent in exchange from Holland to the United States for charter, as in the case of other Dutch ships lying in the United States ports.

"The agreement was explicitly temporary in character and being designed to meet an immediate situation, prompt performance was necessary. The Dutch government at once disclosed, however, that it was unwilling or unable to carry out this chartering agreement, which it had itself proposed.

"The first desire of the United States was to secure at once shipping, as contemplated by the agreement, to transport to Switzerland foodstuffs much needed by the state.

"One difficulty after another was, however, raised to postpone the chartering of Dutch ships for Swiss relief, and although the reason was never formally expressed, it was generally known that the Dutch shipowners feared lest their ships should be destroyed by German submarines even though on an errand of mercy and though not traversing any of the so-called 'danger zones' proclaimed by the German government. That this fear was not wholly unjustified has unhappily been shown by the recent act of the German government in sinking the Spanish ship Sardinero outside the danger zone when carrying a cargo of grain for Switzerland, and after the submarine commander had ascertained this fact by an inspection of the ship's papers.

Germany Threatens Holland

"In respect of Belgian relief, the Dutch government expressed its present inability to comply with the agreement on the ground that the German government had given Holland to understand that it would forcibly prevent the departure from Holland of the corresponding ships, which, under the agreement, were to leave coincidentally for the United States.

"The Dutch government even felt itself unable to secure the two cargoes of foodstuffs, which, under the agreement, it was permitted to secure, since

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here again the German government intervened and threatened to destroy the equivalent of Dutch tonnage which, under the agreement, was to leave Holland for the United States.

"Nearly two months have elapsed since the making of the temporary chartering agreement, and the proposed general agreement has lain even longer without reply on the part of Holland. Meanwhile German threats have grown more violent, with a view to preventing any permanent agreement and of forcing Holland to violate any temporary agreement.

"March 7, through Great Britain, a final proposal, expiring on the 18th, was submitted to Holland. A reply has been received which, while in itself unacceptable, might, under other circumstances, have served as a basis for further negotiations.

Considers Holland Powerless

"But the events to which I have alluded, had served to demonstrate conclusively that we have been attempting to negotiate where the essential basis for an agreement is entirely wanting. In the absence of free will, it is evident that no agreement could be reached, even were an agreement concluded, there is lacking that power of independent action which alone can assure performance.

"I say this not in criticism of the Dutch government. I profoundly sympathize with the difficulty of her position under the menace of a military power which has in every way demonstrated its disdain of neutral rights. But since coercion does in fact exist, no alternative is left to us but to accomplish, through the exercise of our indisputable right as a sovereign, that which is so reasonable that, in other circumstances, we could be confident of accomplishing it by agreement.

"Steps are accordingly being taken to put into our service Dutch shipping lying within our territorial jurisdiction. This action on our part and the similar action which is being taken by governments associated with us leaves to Holland ample tonnage for her domestic and colonial needs. We have informed the Dutch government that colonial trade will be facilitated, and that it may at once send ships from Holland to secure the bread cereals which her people require.

New Amsterdam Released

"These ships will be freely bunkered and will be immune from detention on our part. The liner New Amsterdam, which was within our jurisdiction under an agreement for her return, will, of course, be permitted at once to return to Holland. Not only so, but she will be authorized to carry back with her the two cargoes of foodstuffs which Holland would have secured under the temporary chartering agreement had not Germany prevented.

"The Dutch compensation will be paid to the Dutch owners of the ships which will be put into our service, and suitable provision will be made to meet the possibility of ships being lost through enemy action.

"It is our earnest desire to safeguard to the fullest extent the interests of Holland and of her nationals. By allowing in this crisis our admitted right to control all property within our territory, we do no wrong to Holland. The manner in which we proposed to exercise this right and our proposals made to Holland concurrently therewith cannot, I believe, fall to evidence to Holland the sincerity of our friendship toward her.

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

LOWELL MAN NAMED

E. A. Wilson Officer of Coal Dealers' Association

SPRINGFIELD, March 21.—Nearly 600 fuel men were in attendance at today's session of the annual convention of the New England Coal Dealers' Association here. Officers were elected as follows: President W. A. Clark, Northampton; vice presidents, Lyman K. Lee, Foxcroft, Me.; N. A. Osgood, Nashua, N. H.; N. E. Pierce, Burlington, Vt.; E. A. Wilson, Lowell; George E. Shaw, Pawtucket, R. I.; J. P. McCusker, New Haven, Conn.; secretary, C. R. Elder, Amherst; treasurer, George A. Sheldon, Greenfield; executive secretary, J. C. Hart, Boston.

James J. Storow of Boston, New England fuel administrator, addressed the convention.

METHODIST SOCIAL UNION

Dr. Charles E. Guthrie of Chicago was the speaker at the third meeting of the Lowell Methodist Social union, which was held last evening at the Epworth church. Dr. Guthrie acted as secretary of the Epworth League and his address was in the vicinity of the Epworth church. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Dr. George E. Pickard.

WARM WEATHER HAS STARTED

THE ICE BREAKING IN THE MERRIMACK RIVER

The ice on the Merrimack river has started to break up and if the warm continues for a few days it is expected that by the afternoon will come down the river from the north. The warm weather of yesterday started the ice breaking in the vicinity of the Pawtucket dam.

More ice got loose this morning and at noon large cakes, some being over four feet thick, passed through the Northern canal. Up to the present time no damage has been done in this vicinity, but unless the ice breaks up gradually it may cause considerable trouble as well as damage along the shores.

Several of the engineers of the Locks and Canals Co. took a trip up as far as Thornton's Ferry on the Merrimack river this morning, to ascertain the condition of the ice.

OLD MANN SCHOOL INSURED ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE THE RECENT FIRE

The city officials are congratulating themselves over the fact that the Mann school, which was badly damaged by fire a couple of days ago, was insured. It was learned this morning that no insurance had been carried on the building for a number of years, or practically since the school sessions were discontinued there. About a month ago, Commissioner Warnock thought it advisable to have the building insured, and accordingly, he took out a \$10,000 policy.

LOWELL MEN OPPOSE CITY SEALER TO ASSIST FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

WATERWAYS BILL

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, March 21.—Attorney Frank E. Dunbar and Engineer Sanford, representing the Locks & Canals company, appeared before the legislative committee on administration and commissions yesterday and registered strenuous opposition to the bill presented by the commission on waterways and public lands which proposed to effect the commission may seize any water power in the commonwealth which, in their opinion, is not being utilized to its fullest possibilities.

They told the committee that they were opposed to the legislation for several reasons, among them being that it is unconstitutional; that it places too much power in the hands of three men without review by the courts; that its scope is far too broad and its provisions too drastic; and finally, that it contains no provision for compensating the owners of any property which the commission may seize.

Mr. Sanford stated that the bill is entirely unnecessary so far as conditions in the Merrimack valley are concerned, because the Locks and Canals company at Lowell and the Essex company at Lawrence have developed the water power there to the fullest possible extent.

It was stated that Mr. Dunbar has collaborated with attorneys for other water power companies in preparing a new bill, which they presented, and in order that Chairman John N. Cole of the waterways commission might have an opportunity to study it, further consideration of the matter was continued until next Monday.

Colburn Will Draft Bill

In executive session yesterday the committee on agriculture and administration and commissions appointed a sub-committee to prepare, and present to the full committee a bill to reorganize the state board of agriculture. The sub-committee consists of Senators Colburn of Braintree and Hobbs of Worcester, and Representatives Smith of Boston, Tarbell of Brookfield, Adams of Stockbridge and Marsh of Springfield.

For several years the state board of agriculture has been the target for most of the "efficiency experts" who have studied the system of administration in vogue in state, the criticism of the board generally being that nearly all of its members are chosen by the agricultural societies of the state, each approved society electing one member of the board. It has been felt for a long time that this method of selection does not guarantee that degree of public spirit which should dominate members of a board of such importance, and now it is apparent that a new method of selection is to be proposed.

Big Money in "Tips"

Declaring that a single hotel in Boston realized more than \$15,000 from the checking of clothing, Rep. Francis P. McKoon of Worcester led in the house yesterday afternoon a successful fight for the passage of a bill which provides that a fine of not less than \$50 may be imposed upon any employer who compels an employee to surrender the "tips" received from patrons.

It was stated that most of the hotels have rented the checking privilege to a syndicate of Greeks, and that the hotel in question was sought by the syndicate and offered \$3000 for its checking privilege. The offer was turned down, the hotel keeper stating that during the previous year he had collected \$15,000 from the coat girls. These girls, incidentally, are paid the meager salary of \$8 per week, and retain none of the gratuities given them by kind-hearted patrons.

Sunday Baseball Bill

The Sunday baseball bill was again fought out, and was given a final reading by a vote of 163 to 58. It will now go to the senate, where another battle is awaiting it.

By a vote of 91 to 40, the house referred to the next general court the bill providing that in the five western counties the open season on ruffed grouse, woodcock, quail, gray squirrels, hares and rabbits shall begin on Oct. 12, and continue for one month. This would leave the season in the other counties just as it is now—the month of November, and would give migratory hunters a week's open season, with consequent depletion of the birds. Reps. Collins of Edgartown and Dean and Malone of Worcester fought valiantly for the bill, but the real bird lovers were too many for them.

Explains His Letter

Rep. Carlton W. Wanson of Gloucester appeared before the rules committee to explain his letter, recently printed in a Boston paper, in which he severely arraigned the legislature, its members and their practices. He stated that the letter was written at a time when he was in a much-disturbed state of mind, because of the rejection by the house of the only matter in which his district was vitally interested, and that he perhaps wrote some things which under other circumstances he might not have written. Asked if he still believed his charges to be true, however, he replied—"Substantially, yes." If he had disowned them at that point the matter would probably have been dropped, but the committee has now decided that he must prove them or retract. He will be given another hearing next Tuesday.

PEEL OFF CALLUSES WITH THE FINGERS

"Hard skin" or callus spots on the sides or the bottom of the feet peel right off without pain or soreness, after you apply a little P. Sousa's, a Cincinnati authority. This other drug loosens the dead callused skin so it peels off with the fingers.

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HON. EDWARD FISHER, LOCAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Hon. Edward Fisher, local food administrator, has appointed Warren P. Riordan, sealer of weights and measures, as an assistant to the local administration to aid in the enforcement of food laws. Mr. Fisher makes known this appointment in the following communication:

"Warren P. Riordan has been appointed to aid in the administration and enforcement of the food laws and regulations. His duties will be to take charge of the licensing of dealers and the distribution and control of the food-stuffs, so called. This is a very important duty and the city is fortunate in securing Mr. Riordan to assist in this work.

"Complaints are being made that some dealers are continuing in the practice of making 'combination sales,' that is, requiring customers to make other purchases in order to secure sugar. Such sales are in violation of the food laws and regulations, and if any such sales are being made the same should be discontinued at once. Any person having knowledge of any such violation in the future or any other violation of the food laws, including the charging of excessive prices for food products, should give notice at once either to Mr. Riordan at his office of sealer of weights and measures, city hall, between 9 a. m. and 12 m., or Edward Fisher at his office in the Sun building. Complaints should be made in person or in writing to genuine delatione.

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Daily Bulletin From War Work Headquarters

119 Merrimack Street

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